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Lawson faces dilemma over base rate cut

Stable pound Budget will widen rift with Thatcher

By Philip Webster and David Smith

Mr Nigel Lawson is preparing in his Budget speech tomorrow to underline his commitment to a stable pound in a move which risks further opposition exploitation of his disagreement with the Prime Minister.

A base rate cut this week is seen by the City as the only way in which the Chancellor of the Chequer can regain control of exchange-rate policy after the admitted rift with Mrs Thatcher over how to respond to the pound's rising value.

Without such a move the pound is set to rise strongly in the wake of the Budget.

The highly publicized differences between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Lawson, revealed in *The Times* last Wednesday, have deeply embarrassed the Government, and upset some Conservative MPs.

They are threatening to mar what should have been a day of triumph for Mr Lawson as he introduces a radical package, likely to include reductions in the standard rate and higher rates of tax and the first moves towards the reform of husband and wife taxation.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, the financier Conservative MP, last night called on the Prime Minister to "get off her economic high horse" and to stop playing "macho politics" with the pound.

One senior foreign exchange dealer said of the differences between Mrs Thatcher and her Chancellor: "One of them is going to look silly over the next few days, and I would not like to bet on which one it will be."

Government sources and senior ministers strove yesterday to play down the extent of the differences over tactics. Sources close to Mr Lawson dismissed suggestions that the Budget would be his last, or that the dispute would ultimately result in him quitting the Government.

But it was clear that the opposition parties had been given a weapon which enabled them to approach Budget day with a rare relish.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, to whom Mrs Thatcher stated last week her opposition to intervention to "buck the markets", said yesterday that Britain's foreign competitors would toast her in champagne if her "primeval monetarism" triumphed over Mr Lawson.

Mr John Smith, the Shadow Chancellor, said that Mrs Thatcher had knocked exchange rate policy off course with "one biff of her handbag."

The financial markets currently regard interest rates cuts this week as unlikely. Mr Lawson's words tomorrow about maintaining a stable pound will be designed to reassure the markets.

However, it is clear that when Mr Lawson tomorrow reaffirms his commitment to the stability of the pound, stressing the role of such stability as the cornerstone of monetary policy, the opposition will cite his remarks as confirmation of a clash, and use it to the full in the post-Budget debate and exchanges.

Senior Conservative MPs believe that to be unavoidable, and that the message to the markets will be more important for the Government than any short-term embarrassment it may suffer in the Commons.

They believe Mr Lawson's words, which will come before he announces his detailed Budget measures, could pave the way to a reduction in interest rates.

Treasury officials believe that, if the pound continues on its upward course, a cut in interest rates would not be inconsistent with the Prime Minister's views, in that monetary conditions would then be seen to have been tightened by sterling's rise.

The episode over sterling will also affect Mr Lawson's credibility, with a series of important international meetings coming up.

The Chancellor has been a leading advocate of tightly managed exchange rates within the Group of Seven industrial countries, and proposed a shift forward in this area at the International Monetary Fund last October.

Now, with Mr Lawson's hands apparently tied on the management of his own currency – and with full membership of the European Monetary System long vetoed by the prime minister – his position is seen as difficult.

In his Budget, Mr Lawson is expected to announce £3 billion of tax cuts and, at the same time, target a sizable budget surplus, measured by the public sector borrowing requirement, the first modern-day Chancellor to do so.



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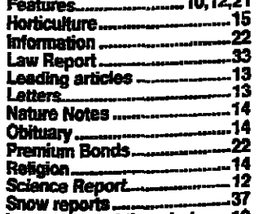
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Baker in student loans battle

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Baker is fighting with Cabinet colleagues to have legislation introducing student loans included in the next parliamentary programme beginning in November or December.

The Secretary of State for Education and Science failed at last Thursday's Cabinet meeting to get a guaranteed slot in the next legislative timetable for the proposals.

They envisage top-up loans of up to £1,000 for a student, a cut of about £100 in the student grant and the removal of students' entitlement to housing benefit.

The plans, disclosed in *The Times* 10 days ago, result from a review of student support by Mr Robert Jackson, the Minister for Higher Education.

Mr Baker backs the proposals and surprised some of his Cabinet colleagues by trying to get a commitment to early legislation when Mr John Wakeham, the Commons Leader, outlined a preliminary timetable for the next session to the Cabinet on Thursday.

The Open College, which was launched last autumn, is fighting for its future. The jobs-orientated television "college" has enrolled 10,500 students, a fraction of its 500,000 target figure, and is a long way from the goal of self-sufficiency by 1990 – a deadline set when it received a start-up grant of £15 million.

The student loan plans have yet to go through the Cabinet committee machinery where they could be subjected to amendment, particularly by sceptical Treasury ministers.

It is understood that Mr Baker was told that the proposals would first have to be finalized before the Government could commit itself to immediate legislation.

Until Mr Baker raised it most had not regarded student loans as a candidate for the 1988-89 session. The plans are expected to be published in a White Paper around Whitsun.

Some ministers think Mr Baker is asking a lot to get the loans idea into the next timetable, particularly as his Education Reform Bill is a centrepiece of the present one.

Sources close to both the Prime Minister and Mr Baker, however, denied suggestions yesterday that the loans plan had been shelved.

Mr Baker has not given up hope of getting an early slot. The Cabinet will review legislative possibilities nearer the summer, and he is certain to argue that student loans should be on the statute book and in operation well before the next election.

Nine dead as avalanches hit Austria



Rescue workers carrying the body of a victim from yesterday's hotel disaster at St Anton.

Blizzard chaos in skiing resorts

By Our Foreign Staff

Nine people were killed as six avalanches swept the Austrian Tyrol at the weekend. Heavy snowfalls, whipped up by high winds, cut road and rail links and trapped 30,000 tourists in winter sports resorts.

Six of the victims, four Swedes and two Austrians, died when a snow slide buried a guest house at St Anton early yesterday. Police in Innsbruck, the Tyrolean capital, said that another 15 to 20 Swedes, members of a newly arrived tourist group, suffered slight to serious injuries.

The avalanche seriously damaged three other houses. One of two other slides earlier yesterday blocked roads and railway lines on the outskirts of St Anton. The other three dead were killed on Saturday at St Anton, Biberwier, and Berwang. Two other people were hurt.

Police said that the resorts of Zürs, Lech and Stuben, in the Arlberg, had also been cut off from the rest of the country since Saturday.

In the St Anton incident, one of the Austrian victims was named as a local hotel owner, Frau Aloisia Strolz, but the names of the other dead were not immediately released.

The police said that 10 people were buried when a huge wall of snow smashed into a group of 15 hotels and guest houses 500 yards from the town centre at 6.50am.

Four people were rescued alive. The avalanche sent survivors fleeing in their night clothes. Some 300 workers, including firemen, police, ski instructors and mountain rescuers, worked to free the victims as snow driven by fierce winds lashed the resort.

St Anton, which lies on the eastern approach to the Arlberg Pass between Tyrol and Voralberg provinces, is one of western Austria's leading ski resorts and a particular favourite for West German, British, Dutch and Swedish visitors.

A hotel receptionist said of the scene: "It looks terrible." Snow had smashed through windows into bedrooms as holidaymakers slept.



Coroner to investigate Royal tragedy

Prince may face inquest

By Tony Dawe

The Prince of Wales may have to relive the horror of the Swiss avalanche which killed his friend Major Hugh Lindsay when an inquest is held in London into the death.

Dr John Burton, the West London coroner, said he would have to hold an inquest because Major Lindsay's body had been returned to Britain.

However, Dr Burton said, it was too early to decide whether the Prince or any members of his Swiss skiing party would have to attend.

He said: "An inquiry is being conducted by an examining magistrate in Switzerland and I shall wait until that is finished before holding a full inquest".

The coroner has assumed responsibility because Major Lindsay's body arrived in Britain with the Royal party at RAF Northolt in west London. He identified the body over the weekend from Major Lindsay's passport and a post mortem examination has been conducted.

The cause of death will be given when Dr Burton opens and adjourns the inquest at Hammersmith coroner's court tomorrow. Only he and the pathologist are expected to be present.

Buckingham Palace would not comment yesterday on questions from Herr Kirchhofer, the investigating magistrate, at his chalet".

The Prince spent yesterday with the Princess of Wales and his children at his home at Highgrove House, Gloucestershire. He did not attend the morning service at the parish church at which Major Lindsay and Mrs Patti Palmer-Tomkinson, who was badly injured by the avalanche last Thursday, were remembered.

The major's widow, Mrs Sarah Lindsay, who is expecting her first child in May, also stayed inside at her parents' home in Godalming, Surrey.

Members of the Royal Family are expected to attend Major Lindsay's military funeral at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst on Thursday.

The major's family has absolved the Prince of Wales from any blame whether the Prince would willingly attend the full inquest but it did deny reports that he had refused to co-operate with the Swiss investigation.

The statement from the palace said: "The Prince of Wales agreed to co-operate fully with the investigation by the Swiss authorities into the skiing accident and answered

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Armenians stage emotional demonstration in Moscow

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The ethnic crisis in the Soviet Union moved closer to the Kremlin yesterday when an emotionally-charged crowd of more than 1,000 Armenians staged a protest demonstration accusing the official Soviet media of covering up details of the massacre of their fellow Christians in Muslim Azerbaijan.

The two-hour protest was one of the largest and most outspoken staged in the capital without intervention by the police and KGB, who mingled without taking action. One of the new Armenian organizing committees said that permission had been requested to stage a mass protest outside the offices of *Pravda* next Saturday against the news blackout.

While protesters waved banners calling for "Glasnost" Mr Boris Baratov, a film director, accused the Azerbaijani communist leadership of conniving in brutality which had included the slaughter of Armenian babies. "The central press is criminally quiet about these acts," he charged. "We cannot allow them to get away with it."

The meeting was the first of a new series of Sunday morning gatherings organized by Moscow's 300,000-strong Armenian community to defeat the news blackout by circulating information from the troubled area.

Father Tigran, the head of the Armenian church in Moscow, said that he had discovered on a trip to Armenia that 50,000 refugees had been created by the trouble. The figure adds a new dimension to the crisis and was the first supplied about the extent of the refugee problem.

Another speaker launched a plea for temporary accommodation for homeless Armenians arriving in Moscow from Azerbaijan where the minority Armenian community remaining is living in a state of siege.

Packed into the cemetery of Moscow's 19th-century Armenian church, the crowd heard repeated parallels being drawn between the recent killings (claimed as 32 by the Kremlin and more than 300 by the local community) and the 1915 massacre of Armenians by Muslim Turks.

The crowd cheered loudly when they were informed that on Saturday the regional executive committee in the disputed Azerbaijani region of Nagorny-Karabakh had voted for the second time to rejoin Soviet Armenia.

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Clashes feared at IRA terrorists' funerals

From Richard Ford, Belfast

A huge security operation is likely to surround the funerals of three Provisional IRA terrorists after yesterday's refusal by their families to give an undertaking that the ceremonies would take place within the law.

The families' rejection of a RUC appeal about the funerals later this week increased fears that the ceremonies will be marred by disorder and clashes.

Security forces will be on the alert today on both sides of the border as the coffins of the three gang members killed on Gibraltar return to Dublin before being driven north to Belfast.

The bodies of Mairead Farrell, Sean Savage and Daniel McCann will be flown from Gibraltar to Dublin airport aboard a specially chartered plane, which will be met by Provisional Sinn Fein and Provisional IRA supporters who have been urged to congregate at the airport an hour before the flight arrives.

The cortege will pause at the border town of Dundalk, home of many Provisional IRA sympathizers, before travelling to Belfast, where the three terrorists are expected to be buried at the republican plot in Milltown cemetery on Wednesday. Any further delay would mean burial on Thursday, which is St Patrick's Day.

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Bad times for Dole, the all-American anti-hero

From Frank Johnson
Chicago

Senator Robert Dole, chatting with reporters during the New Hampshire primary about six weeks ago, was asked to comment on the alleged faith-healing powers of the Rev Pat Robertson, the then seemingly formidable religious broadcaster whose presidential campaign has now all but collapsed.

Mr Dole proferred the right arm which had been crippled by a war wound. In his Bogart-like growl, the dark-jowelled Senator replied: "I'll believe it when he can fix this."

For some of us visitors, much of our scholarship on the United States has been acquired from 1940s Hollywood crime films which – after French critics explained they were a *genre* called the *film noir* – were put on at the National Film Theatre in London with pretentious programme notes. For us, the grim humour of anti-heroes such as Mr Dole was one of the things America was about.

Sadly for Mr Dole, it is not one of the things most Americans think it is about. Vice-President George Bush is overwhelming Mr Dole in the opinion polls before the Illinois presidential primary tomorrow despite such qualities in Mr Dole as a willingness to mock Mr Robertson's miraculous powers – or perhaps because of such qualities.

As President, Americans seem to prefer a hero to an anti-hero. Mr Bush is no hero – except in the apolitical sense that he was shot down as a very young pilot in the Second World War. But he has managed to mix himself up in voters' minds with a genuine political hero, President Reagan.

This weekend represented a huge change of fortune for both Mr Dole and Mr Bush. Barely a month ago, on the corresponding weekend before the New Hampshire primary, it was Mr Bush who looked desperate and Mr Dole who was ahead in the polls. A week before that Mr Dole had beaten Mr Bush in Iowa. But Iowa was one of the few states in which Mr Reagan, for reasons of farm policy, was unpopular.

Something must explain, however, why the polls had Mr Dole ahead that weekend in New Hampshire, a state in which Mr Reagan is as popular as anywhere else. Probably Mr Dole's defeat was caused by a late realization that, by voting for Mr Bush, people could once more express their approval of Mr Reagan. But the Dole camp says it was all caused by Mr Bush's television advertisements that weekend – accusing Mr Dole of "straddling" the "issues" (that is, not making up his mind – an accusation broadly true).

Since his New Hampshire win, the famously uncharismatic Mr Bush has appeared unstoppable. A frantic Mr Dole spent $100,000 (£54,000) on half an hour's time on Chicago TV on Saturday night to talk about those "issues". But there were no issues. He

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Safety demand on nuclear waste

Britain's nuclear industry must find safe and publicly acceptable means of disposing of radioactive waste if it is to have an assured, long-term future, according to a report today by the Institution of Professional Civil Servants.

Tougher monitoring of nuclear safety is also called for, but the report says that at present radiation exposure to the public from the industry is negligible, and that there is no justification for the closure of any nuclear power station.

The report strongly opposes plans to privatize the electricity supply industry, saying that energy issues are "too important to be left to the unplanned free market".

Only coal-burning or nuclear power had the capacity to sustain UK growth at an economic price. Safety and environmental factors were not sufficient to rule out either as a primary energy source, the report says. However, until safe disposal sites were developed, interim storage facilities should be constructed at nuclear stations.

Energy Policy (IPCS, 75/79 York Road, London SE1 7AQ).

Irish cigars

A small town in the west of Ireland is to become the centre of a Dutch cigar-making operation when the Hofnar company switches production to the Irish republic.

The company is to double the size of its plant at Ballaghaderreen, Co Roscommon, creating 150 jobs in an area of high unemployment and emigration.

Only the sales and distribution network will remain in The Netherlands after a 26,000 sq ft extension is completed in September, producing 75 million cigars a year.

Guinness castle fire

A castle belonging to a member of the Guinness family was burnt down yesterday.

Patricia, Lady Boyd of Merton, aged 70, daughter of the second Lord Iveagh and mother of the former deputy chairman of the brewery group, scrambled to safety as flames swept through the seventeenth-century Ince Castle at Saltash, Cornwall.

The building was severely damaged but valuable paintings and furniture were saved by firemen, who used a swimming pool in the grounds to fight the blaze.

Smoker goes on trial

A couple say they may be prevented from adopting a child because the husband smokes cigarettes.

Mr David Davies and his wife, Mrs Maureen Davies, have two children and an adopted handicapped boy. On Wednesday they are due to meet an adoption panel after an application to adopt a daughter.

The couple, of Kings Norton, Birmingham, say they were vetted and then told they must wait three months to see if Mr Davies, aged 39, could give up his 20 cigarettes a day. He has been able to cut down, but not stop.

A spokesman for the Church of England Children's Society said any apparent change in policy reflected doctors' growing concern about passive smoking.

Fearless of Aids

Less than 20 per cent of young people questioned in a survey have changed their sex lives because of the threat of Aids — and only one in seven thought they were at moderate or high risk.

Eight hundred people, aged between 16 and 25, in an area between between Telford, Shropshire and Leamington, Warwickshire were asked by West Midlands regional health authority about their attitudes towards Aids.

Only half, including 22 per cent of the women, said they had bought condoms.

Stalker in firing line

Britain's top police officers may deliver a public rebuke to Mr John Stalker, former deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, after the publication of his book attacking senior officers.

A decision by the Association of Chief Police Officers is expected soon.

Mr Stalker criticizes Sir John Hermon, head of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Mr James Anderton, his former chief constable, and Mr Colin Sampson, chief constable of West Yorkshire, who led the inquiry into allegations made against Mr Stalker.

British chess triumph

Nigel Short, the British chess grandmaster, beat Jan Timman, the Dutch player ranked third in the world, in the Max Euwe memorial tournament in Amsterdam on Saturday.

Short is just half a point behind Ljubomir Ljubovic, the Yugoslav grandmaster who is leading the tournament at its half-way stage.

BBC staff seek champion in Fox against 'dictatorial' news chief

Birt defends war on 'tabloid television'

By a Staff Reporter

The appointment of four new BBC governors is expected shortly after a lengthy search by the Home Office (Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent, writes).

After a decision by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, to restore the size of the board to 12 members — it has been running at 10 for a trial period — both he and the Prime Minister have been trying to widen the field of potential contenders for the job.

Government sources admitted yesterday there had been difficulties in finding people of the right sort of ability, experience and age, with time available.

Two candidates favoured by Mr Hurd and Mrs Margaret Thatcher turned down the approach because of lack of time. But, sources said, the discussions were close to a conclusion.

The appointments will be regarded with interest because of allegations that the board's current members are sympathetic to the Government.

Difficulties over finding suitable contenders have, however, led to a delay in naming members of the new Broadcasting Standards Council.

BBC journalists meet their deputy director-general, Mr John Birt, today for the first of a series of quarterly meetings set up to allow staff to voice their fears over his overhaul of news and current affairs.

They will express their resentment over his new system of centralized control and tell him of declining morale among programme makers and of staff shortages in the television newsroom.

It is not expected that they will shift Mr Birt's determination to rid BBC news and documentaries of what he sees as "tabloid television".

Mr Birt has the support of Mr Marmaduke Hussey, the BBC chairman, and of Mr Michael Checkland, the director-general. All three deny that they are bowing to government pressure and that programmes are increasingly biased towards the Conservative party.

Programme makers now cling to the hope that Mr Paul Fox's arrival from Yorkshire Television to be managing director of BBC television will bring a champion for their cause.

They see his role as one that can be used to soften what they describe as dictatorial attitudes to programme making and scheduling.

However, Mr Checkland has gone out of his way to make clear that he appointed Mr Fox as someone who agrees with what is happening on news coverage, and insiders expect Mr Birt's views to prevail.

Certainly, Mr Fox shares his new employers' opinion on last week's *World in Action* programme, made by Granada, which alleged that the BBC's independence had been eroded by government pressure. "A reprehensible hatchet job", he said.

Mr Birt has faced intense hostility from the "old guard" within the BBC, particularly over his attitude to *Panorama*.

He believes that instead of producing balanced, accurate and authoritative programmes, *Panorama* has tended too often to produce "tabloid television" with glossy production and story line given priority over content.

His supporters point to programmes such as "Maggie's Militant Tendency", which attracted costly libel actions, and an exposé of Mr Rajiv Gandhi's government which caused a diplomatic row.

His critics claim a rule calling for scripts to be prepared and approved before filming has robbed producers of their independence and will lead to dull programmes.

Mr Robert Harris, former Panorama reporter and now political editor of *The Observer*, believes the BBC "could end up with centrally directed, self-consciously worthy analysis of 'issues' aimed at a tiny minority".

A largely anti-Birt article in *The Listener* says: "The title alone of one of Birt's planned new programmes is indicative of the new atmosphere. It will be called *On The Record*. Any journalist will tell you that if it's interesting and important, then it's usually off the record."

However, the article also says: "No-one doubted that BBC management of current affairs did need improving and Birt is not without his supporters. Jeremy Bugler, editor of *Weekend World* (LWT), argued that 'with increasing interference from government and also the dangers presented by market forces, then the kind of management structure put together by John Birt could be just what's required'.

"Much of what he is trying to do is very sensible, and not in conflict with good programme making, and he does have a very good record of standing up to pressure."

A senior BBC executive said last night: "Paul Fox should be just what the television directorate needs. He is not likely to take any nonsense."

Mr Birt plans to launch four new weekly programmes in the autumn, looking in depth at political, economic, social and foreign affairs. He will also need to find space for covering House of Commons debates.

Mr Fox will expect to have an effective say in the timing of those programmes and in the overall shape of both BBC channels, in which news and current affairs will play an increasing role.

● A conference of BBC staff at the weekend urged broadcasting unions and civil liberties organizations to join forces and campaign against government interference in the BBC

£10bn lies idle in council bank accounts

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

Councils in England have nearly £10 billion of unused funds in their accounts, largely because of their success in selling council houses.

But the money — the equivalent of nearly a third of councils' total revenue spending — cannot be used for day-to-day expenses or building projects. "It is just washing around in bank accounts", the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy said.

"It is classified as capital receipts and cannot be used for spending on salaries or the like." "

The aggregate dwarfs many times the indebtedness of such councils as Brent and Camden in London and puts the financial crisis of the inner city councils in a different perspective.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, moved last week to prevent Labour-controlled councils entering sale and leaseback schemes which involved throwing interest payments on debts into future years.

His department's latest calculations, however, show the proceeds of property sales have reached their highest.

Of the £10 billion, more than £5 billion is cash which councils could spend immediately if the Government allowed it. The rest comes from accounting adjustments made to record the sale of, for example, leased property.

The figure shows that much of the money made by the sale of council property has accrued in the accounts of the smaller district councils, especially those in the Home Counties.

It is, in other words, in the accounts of predominantly Conservative councils while the Labour city councils are in debt.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy said that these figures were likely to continue growing and added that one result was that, in aggregate, local authorities had a negative borrowing requirement.

Money has been accumulating rapidly because the Treasury insists on strict controls over the amount councils spend on building houses or acquiring land. Originally the idea behind council tenants' right to buy was that councils would recycle the proceeds, but now they are allowed to spend only up to tightly-defined ceilings.

In fact, it is likely that councils in England will actually underspend on their capital accounts in this financial year, further increasing the volume of spare money.

The growing funds have given council treasurers unprecedented flexibility in how they arrange their debts, and ratepayers in the shires have benefited as the interest paid to councils on their capital sums helps to keep down the rates.

The Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities has pressed the Government to allow more of the "sterile money" to be recycled to pay for council building in city areas.

Minister toasts railway



A toast is raised to the Bluebell Railway in West Sussex by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, who dressed in overalls to join driver Mr Gerry Butler on the footplate yesterday. He had just turned a gold-painted screw and lowered into place the first length of line for a six-mile extension that will connect the terminus at Horsted Keynes with the British Rail network at East Grinstead, 11 miles away. Only 50 yards are being laid now as a token start to comply with a Department of the Environment condition that work should begin within seven years of planning approval for the extension being granted in 1985. Yesterday's ceremony was timed to coincide with the thirtieth anniversary of the closure of British Rail's East Grinstead to Lewes line. Mr Channon, who with his wife rode in an observation car and lunched on the vintage steam railway, said the preservation enthusiasts had a long task in front of them. The country's 70 railway preservation groups were becoming an important force in tourism, providing a great deal of pleasure.

(Photograph: Mark Pepper)

NUM may give more power to Scargill

By John Spicer

The National Union of Mineworkers is to consider disbanding its separate areas and to concentrate control at national level under Mr Arthur Scargill, the president.

Fierce opposition to the plan is expected, particularly from South Wales and Scotland. South Wales officials have in the past accused Mr Scargill of "dictatorship".

Central control is the idea of Mr Jack Taylor, president of the Yorkshire area. He said it would end parochialism in the union and would save thousands of pounds in administration costs. The union's national headquarters is in Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

Mr Scargill welcomed the plan, which was first aired publicly by Mr Taylor at a rally at the weekend in South Elmsall, near Pontefract, West Yorkshire.

The union has 13 mining areas, but because of the rundown in the industry five of them — Kent, Northumberland, south Derbyshire, North Wales and Leicestershire — either already or soon will represent workers at only one pit each.

Mr Taylor said: "One of the weaknesses at the moment is that we do not have collective unity. We are fighting for the union's very life.

"If you are looking for a national union to represent our members and their families as they should be represented, then we have got to end parochialism."

Mr Scargill said: "The opposition — the Coal Board — has got one central force and we are dissipating our forces in internecine warfare".

Royal Free research projects

By Thomson Prentice

A new research unit which will help to develop clinical trials of treatments for heart diseases and other conditions is being set up at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London.

The unit will be involved in a multi-centre study of different forms of the drug heparin, for the prevention of deep-vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism after major abdominal surgery. It will also take part in the largest international study ever carried out into the treatment of intermittent claudication, the cramp-like pain in the legs brought on by exercise.

It is also to participate in trials assessing the need for long-term treatment of asthmatics with inhaled steroids.

Health service protest

Nurses to join strike on Budget day

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Hundreds of nurses are to strike throughout the country today in support of their demands for extra spending on the National Health Service instead of tax cuts in tomorrow's Budget.

Nurses at 17 hospitals in London and several hospitals in other parts of the country will be going on strike for either 24 or 12 hours while thousands of other health workers are expected to take part in demonstrations and rallies. Workers in most hospitals in Northern Ireland are also planning to take protest action.

Strikes are expected to affect many of London's big teaching hospitals including the Westminster, Charing Cross, Central Middlesex and King's College.

Led by the Confederation of Health Service Employees, industrial action will be supported in some hospitals by the National Union of Public Employees. Leaders of both unions have promised that emergency cover will be provided in all hospitals and patients will not be put at risk.

The non-striking Royal College of Nursing will join demonstrations and rallies.

This morning uniformed Nupe nurses will hand in a "Budget Box" at 11 Downing Street, containing a demand for an extra £2 billion spending on the health service. At the same time ambulance, ancillary and theatre staff from the union's North Devon health branch are to present the Chancellor with a giant plaster cast signed by staff, patients and the public, calling for extra funds.

Cohse is calling on the Chancellor to scrap the rumoured 2p income tax cut and instead invest £2.5billion in the nation's health.

Mr Hector Mackenzie, general secretary of Cohse, said: "The day of action will demonstrate the anger and frustration of staff who are overworked, underpaid and fed up with the service being starved of cash."

The British Medical Association, which says an emergency £300 million is needed for the acute hospital sector, is pressing the Chancellor to put an extra 30p tax on a packet of cigarettes, taking the price to around £1.80.

Such a policy would save thousands of lives, cut health service costs and raise £750 million for the Exchequer this year, and £1,600 million in 1989-90, the BMA said yesterday.

The Royal College of Nursing said the predicted tax cuts for a nurse on an average salary of £120 a week would bring an increase of only £2.85 a week, which would do little to compensate for low pay.

● Britain's largest private health insurance company, Bupa, is drawing up plans to bring down the costs of medical insurance premiums and to encourage more elderly people to take out cover.

The new scheme, which might reduce premiums by more than 50 per cent, could bring thousands of patients off health service waiting lists.

Bupa holds 60 per cent of the medical insurance market which covers 5.7 million people but smaller companies, offering competitive rates, are taking business away.

The plans may include extending the maximum joining age from 65 to 75 and asking pensioners to pay the first £1,000 of their operations in the initial years.

Modern buildings 'too bleak' to save

By David Nicholson-Lord

Conservationists have criticized the refusal to give protected status to a range of post-1939 buildings.

At least two thirds of buildings on a list put forward by English Heritage, the Government agency responsible for advising the Department of the Environment on historic buildings, are understood to have been rejected by ministers on the grounds that they are unpopular with the public and too redolent of an era of bleak State socialism.

The proposals, thought to include several housing estates and office blocks as well as structures like the Bankside power station and Stockwell bus garage in London, were planned as the first major addition of post-1939 buildings to the protected list.

Mr Gavin Stamp, chairman of the Thirties Society, said yesterday: "Protecting historic buildings is not only to do with beauty. Some of these are classics of their time. It is absurd for historic buildings to end in 1939."

Up to 70 buildings were believed to be on the list. These, it is understood, have been reduced to 17 or 18.

The original list included London housing estates at Roehampton, Golden Lane and Churchill Gardens; Thorn House in St Martin's Lane, offices in Albemarle Street, Piccadilly designed by Ernő Goldfinger and several churches.

The Festival Hall, south London, regarded by many as one of the great triumphs of postwar British architecture, is understood to have been granted Grade 1 protection, however, as has Coventry Cathedral.

Crossword tiebreaker required

By John Grant
Crossword Editor

The winner of the Yorkshire regional final of the *The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship*, held at the Queen's Hotel, Leeds, yesterday was Mr Roger Hartill, a theatre manager.

Mr Hartill, aged 40, of Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, solved the four crosswords in an average time of ten-and-three-quarter minutes.

Second was Dr Peter Mayo, senior lecturer in Russian and Slovonic studies at Sheffield University, with an average time of 13 minutes. Dr Mayo, a frequent national finalist, was celebrating a double triumph yesterday, as he also won *The Times* Portfolio competition.

One of the oldest competitors, Mr John Coleby, aged 73, of Buckley, Clwyd, was third, with an average time of 15 minutes. Mr Coleby, a retired chemical engineer, has competed in every championship since it began in 1970.

Mr R. Davenport of Stockport, Greater Manchester, finance director of an independent television company, and Mr H. Lewis, a barrister from Nottingham, tied for fourth place at sixteen-and-a-half minutes.

Each made one mistake in the tie-breaker puzzle, but Mr Lewis finished first, so he goes forward to the national final with the first three.

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Plessey wins first overseas Star Wars contract

By Robert Matthews Technology Correspondent

Plessey has been awarded the first contract outside the United States for equipment to be used on board a space-based Star Wars weapon.

Until now, the US Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) organization has placed contracts with foreign companies only for paper studies and ground-based simulation of SDI technology.

The contract won by the aerospace division of Plessey, based in Titchfield, Hampshire, is for operational equipment worth more than £300,000. It was won against competition from two American companies.

The equipment, a fluidic divertor valve system, is designed to control the position of an SDI weapons system in orbit through the use of compressed gas. As such, it will play a key part in the task of destroying missiles in flight.

Plessey has been able to exploit experience gained on similar control systems developed for the Boeing 747 passenger jet and the Tornado fighter aircraft. In these, fluidic divertors are used to make the engines perform at their optimal power, and to avoid surging. With few moving parts, they are less susceptible to the rigours of high temperatures and high g-forces produced when the aircraft accelerate.

Both are likely to be encountered on board weapons platforms in orbit.

The United States Department of Defence is investigating a range of possible anti-missile weapons for SDI, including powerful laser guns and so-called kinetic weapons which work by striking enemy vehicles at high speed.

Mr Mike Cassidy, managing director of Plessey Aerospace, said they had not been told for which type of SDI weapon the equipment was intended. However, the company saw considerable spin-offs for UK military technology in the work, as well as subsequent Star Wars contracts.

Some of the work is to be carried out in collaboration with the military division of Boeing, based in Seattle, Washington State.

● The British Army may be forced to buy its next generation of main battle tanks from the United States or West Germany in spite of increasing pressure on the Ministry of Defence to remain loyal to Vickers, Britain's sole tank manufacturer.

The Vickers company is facing a deadline to produce a more advanced version of the Challenger tank which could equip the Army until 2010.

However, Mr Peter Levene, chief of the ministry's procurement executive, has refused to give the company any guarantee that Challenger 2 will be chosen in preference to foreign rivals.

Before the end of this year, Vickers has to prove to ministers that it has developed the technology to produce a much improved fire control system for Challenger which would significantly enhance the tank's targeting, aiming and firing-on-the-move capability.

The existing fire control equipment is based on the ageing Chieftain tank technology which was first developed in the 1960s and falls far short of rival systems on the American M1 Abrams and West German Leopard 2.

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Ferry coroner calls for supremo to take charge at disasters

By Tony Dawe

The first step in a campaign for one man to control disasters in Britain will be taken today when two leading figures in the Zeebrugge inquiry present their report to the Home Office.

Dr Richard Sturt, the Canterbury and Dover coroner who conducted the inquests on the victims of the Herald of Free Enterprise, and Wing Commander Ian Hill, a pathologist, call for the Government to appoint a national disaster co-ordinator.

Their report, drawn up at the request of the Prime Minister, recommends that the co-ordinator should prepare a national database of all the services and facilities which might be needed.

He should also collate information from disasters throughout the world to ensure that the lessons learnt are passed to the relevant authorities in Britain.

Dr Sturt said: "We believe there is a real need for a national co-ordinator to be on hand immediately any disaster occurs to provide advice and information to the rescue services and local authorities."

Britain lacks a national strategy for handling peacetime disasters although most industrialized Western nations have drawn up plans. British law does not even require the emergency services to plan for them.

"We are not trying to be dogmatic", Dr Sturt said yesterday. "These are just ideas developed from our own experiences which we would like the Home Office to kick around. We believe it is also important to have an expert who could act with full Government authority should a disaster involving Britons occur abroad."

Wing Commander Hill, who carried out all the post-mortem examinations at Zeebrugge, said: "I went there with no authority and was accepted only because I knew personally many of the Belgians involved. We ought to be able to say 'We represent the British Government officially and want to help you to solve this problem'."

He added that a co-ordinator should also establish a panel of dentists and pathologists, who would be on call to go anywhere at any time to discover the cause of death and ensure the quick identification of victims.

Both men were impressed by the efficiency of the Belgian rescue operation at Zeebrugge a year ago and by the way it was co-ordinated by one man, Mr Olivier Vanneste, the Governor of West Flanders.

Mr Vanneste, who received an honorary knighthood from the Queen last week, took control immediately upon arrival at the pre-arranged Zeebrugge crisis centre. With instant decisions, he was able to scramble a police helicopter, order military supplies and commandeer buses to help the operation.

The campaign for a national disaster co-ordinator is certain to gather pace in the next few months as a review of the arrangements for disaster planning in Britain, announced recently by Lord Ferrers, Minister of State at the Home Office, gets under way.

The Cabinet Office is already adopting a central role in the planning for nuclear incidents in or affecting Britain. It is co-ordinating the review ordered after the Government's uncertain handling of the aftermath of the Chernobyl disaster, when it took five and a half days before any ministry accepted responsibility.

The only reservations have come from some police and fire chiefs who believe they have the expertise and knowledge to take command.

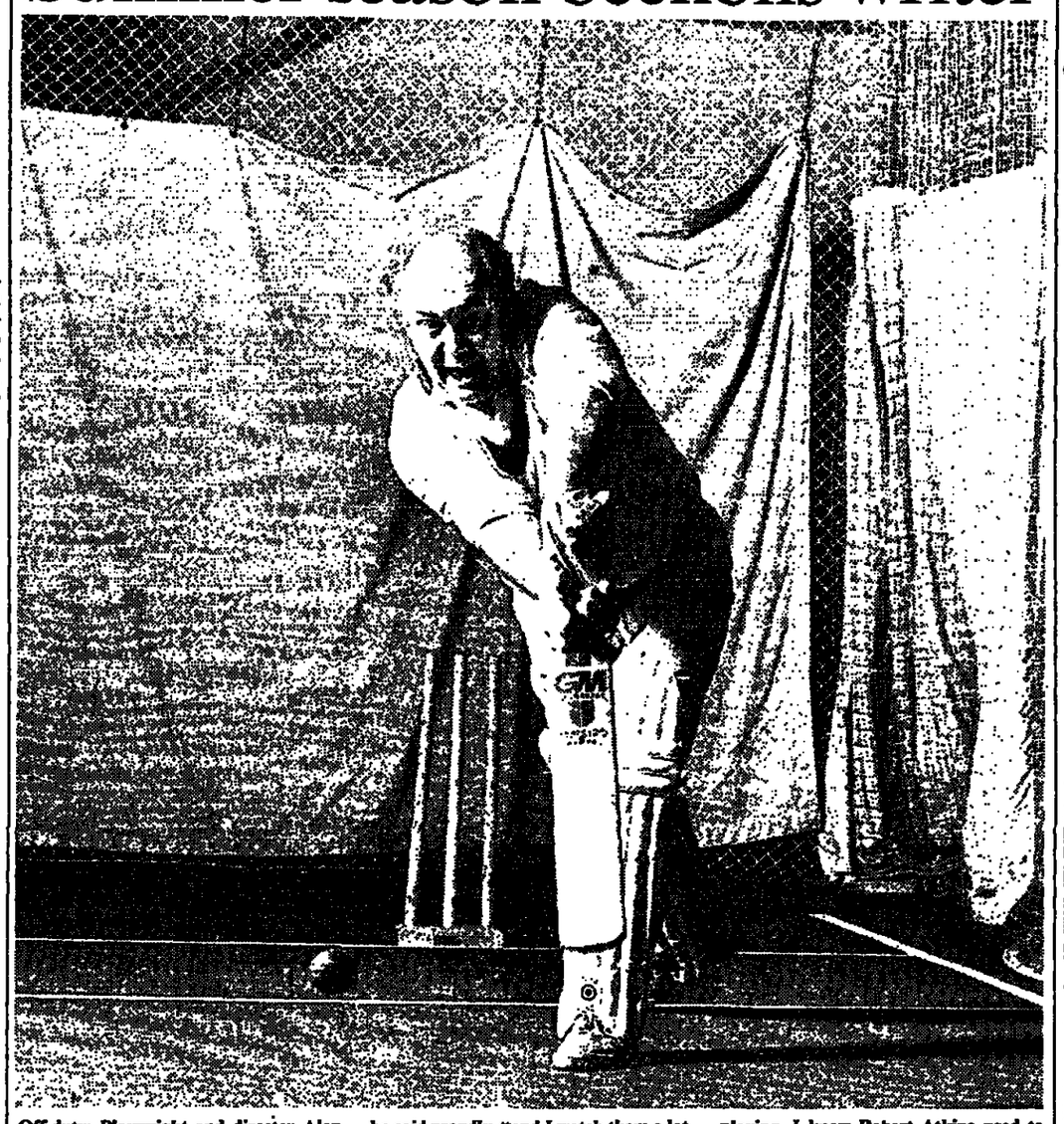


Dr Richard Sturt: conducted inquests on 193 victims.



Mr Olivier Vanneste: in charge at Zeebrugge.

Summer season beckons writer



Off-duty: Playwright and director Alan Ayckbourn, the author of 35 stage plays, demonstrates a lesser known talent with a resolute forward defensive stroke in the indoor cricket school at Lord's.

"My schoolboy ambition was to play cricket for England", he said. More than 30 years later, his enthusiasm is undimmed. "I am a member of Yorkshire", he said proudly, "and I watch them a lot. I'm also president of a local club at Staxton, near Scarborough." He is a schoolboy again as he changes into his whites and prepares to face a few deliveries from the coach. "We have our own theatre team in Yorkshire. It tends to vary, but we are not chauvinist about it. We have the odd quite talented woman playing. I know Robert Atkins used to cast plays entirely on whether you can get a fast bowler who can play Iago, but I tend to try not to do that!" Afterwards he heads back to the West End where he is working on Henceforward, which opens at the end of the year.

Report and photograph by Stephen Markeson

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Winner's double success

A university lecturer yesterday scored a double triumph in *Times* competitions by winning a share of the £8,000 weekly Portfolio prize and coming second in a regional final of our crossword competition.

Mrs Barbara Mayo checked the *Portfolio* card for her husband, who was in Leeds for the crossword contest. "If I had not checked we would have missed out altogether, but I do not know whether I shall see any of the money."

Her husband, Dr Peter Mayo, aged 44, of Rustlings Road, Sheffield, is a lecturer in Russian studies at Sheffield University.

He receives £2,666, as do two other weekly winners, Miss J Warner of New Road, Ham, Richmond, and Mr Antonio Mendez of Cheviot Close, Sutton, both south-west London.



Dr Mayo: wins £2,666

Soccer violence

Call to punish club officials

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Football club officials and players should be legally liable for violence on the pitch, says a leading expert on sports law.

Mr Edward Grayson, addressing solicitors at the spring conference in Bath of the British Legal Association, said professional football clubs had abdicated their legal responsibilities for the game.

"This contrasts with Rugby Union, county cricket, golf and tennis, for example, where club control through its legal status of an unincorporated association is controlled and regulated through its members", Mr Grayson said.

The members, unlike football supporters and crowd membership schemes, had a vested interest in preserving law and order on their own premises. Mr Grayson, a barrister, added that there should be specific offences for sports-related hooliganism.

On the field of play, all those involved in the game had a responsibility for law and order. The law provided for liability under civil law for damages and under criminal law for aiding and abetting, he said.

To date only players had been brought to court, as offenders. Club directors and team managers and coaches should also be liable.

Parliament had failed to tackle the issue of soccer violence. It had consistently refused to equate football hooliganism with drunken or drugged driving as a social disease.

Mr Grayson asked whether it was not time for sports hooliganism to be dealt with the in similar fashion: by automatic, mandatory "exclusion orders" through the use of detention and attendance centres.

Police were last night questioning 12 of the 17 youths arrested in a swoop on Saturday at the homes of suspected soccer hooligans.

The raids were carried out as part of a highly organized operation planned for several weeks. Police arrested the 17 a few hours before the Luton-Portsmouth FA Cup quarter final game at which trouble was expected.

None of the youths has been charged. The five released were bailed to reappear before police.

● Law Society proposals that the public should have direct access to barristers were criticized by a senior member of the Bar Council at the conference.

Mr Nicholas Stewart, QC, chairman of the council's public accounts committee, said they were certain to lead to "fusion" of solicitors and barristers.

In what seemed to be a reopening of the demarcation dispute between the two, he said the proposal amounted to "the most destructive suggestion to come from either branch of the profession".

If implemented it "would do great damage to the interest of our clients". It would signal the end of an independent Bar offering its services through solicitors to any client anywhere in the country, whatever the case.

Direct access would bring fusion "straight through the front door — which hardly anybody wants, and which would benefit nobody: the public at large, the Bar or the solicitors' profession."

The Bar, however, did favour granting direct access to some, such as accountants, architects and surveyors.

Sixth formers spurn offer of Eton places

Only 15 boys applied for a chance to be one of three sixth form scholars at Eton College under a scheme set up last year for state school pupils.

The three scholarships were all won by comprehensive school pupils.

Dr Eric Anderson, the Head Master of Eton, is concerned that so few boys applied for the scholarships.

He said: "We tried to drum up more interest but it is expensive to contact every school in the country".

For 10 years Eton has offered scholarships to boys from state primary schools. The new scholarships were introduced after Eton realized many teenagers would like to change school after GCSE.

Pilots claim runway at Gatwick is unsafe

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The Prime Minister and her Cabinet will today receive a report compiled by a group of anonymous pilots claiming that Gatwick airport is unsafe.

The Civil Aviation Authority, BAA and the British Air Line Pilots Association have criticized the claims as "irresponsible" or "inaccurate".

Other pilots, however, agree that the anonymous complainants — known collectively as "Mainliner" — may have cause for concern although there is little or nothing that can be done about it.

The main criticism centres on the length of the Gatwick runway which, at 10,164 ft, is too short for a fully laden 747 jet to stop if it has to abandon a take-off in an emergency, according to Mainliner.

The anonymous pilots claim that there have been a number of unreported "near accidents" at the airport and that the continued growth in air traffic is putting even greater strain on the overloaded single runway.

BAA insisted last night that the runway met international safety regulations. "It is in the end up to the commander to ensure that he is operating safely."

The CAA rejected the "irresponsible" suggestion that Gatwick was unsafe. Captain Mike Wallis, Balpa chairman, called the report "rubbish".

Tests on safe aerosols speeded up

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A team of scientists carrying out the first tests on two new compounds that could pave the way for safer aerosols is being expanded from 60 to 200 to speed development.

The substances, HFC-123 and HFC-134A, were synthesized in ICI's research laboratories as part of a £2.5 million-a-year programme aimed at producing propellants and refrigerants that do not harm the ozone layer.

Production on a commercial scale, involving the building of a plant costing £100 million, is about six years away as the materials have to be tested for toxicity, as well as their suitability as substitutes for the chemicals they will replace.

Mr Christopher Tane, of ICI's chemicals and polymers group, said the object was to replace the chloro-fluoro-carbons (CFCs) that have been used for nearly 40 years, but which have been linked to the damage occurring to the earth's protective layer of ozone that filters harmful ultra-violet radiation from the sun.

The trouble occurs when CFCs are broken down by the sun's radiation, causing the release of chlorine atoms that interrupt the normal atmospheric chemistry.

Responsibility for developing safer alternatives was placed on industry last September at an international meeting in Montreal where limits were proposed on the production of CFCs, which will be eventually phased out.

More than a million tonnes of the substances, worth £1,000 million, are sold each year. About one third go into aerosol propellants and more than 25 per cent into refrigeration and air conditioning systems in commercial and domestic equipment.



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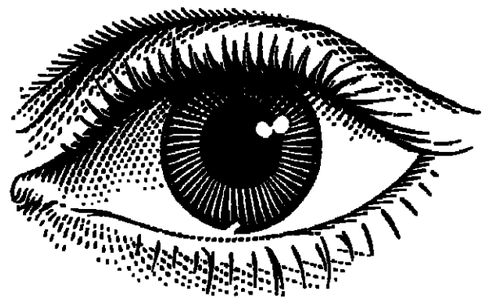
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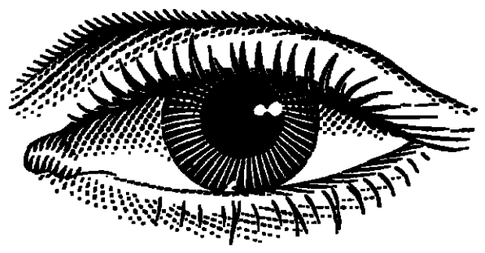
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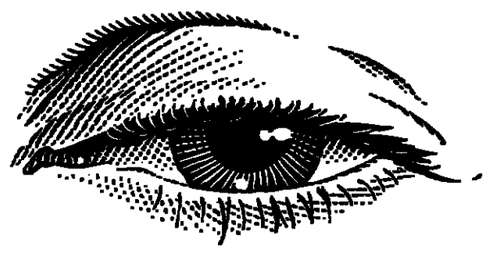
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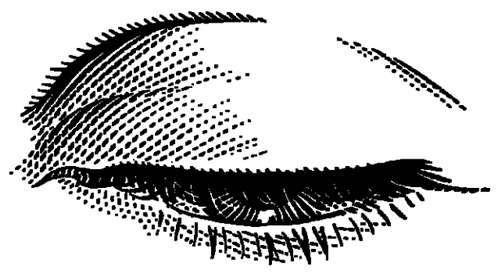
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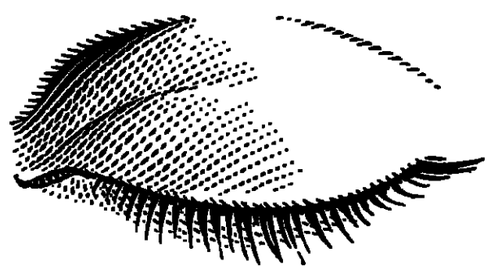
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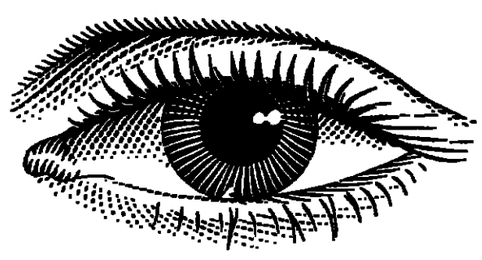
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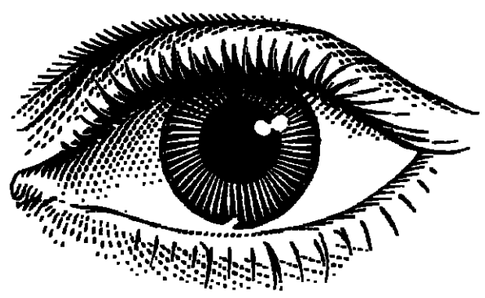
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Special riot staff will handle Scots jail troubles

By Kerry Gill

Selected prison staff and police officers are being trained to deal with any violent incidents in Scotland's prisons.

Improved co-operation between the Scottish Prison Service and police forces has led to selected individuals being trained as negotiators, incident commanders and headquarters staff, Mr Peter McKinlay, the new director of the service, said.

Mr McKinlay, speaking for the first time since his appointment to the £33,880 post, said he was determined that the recent catalogue of violence in Scottish prisons would not be repeated.

During the past 18 months the Scottish penal system has been wracked by rioting, destruction of property and hostage-taking and there is still overcrowding in certain prisons.

Although the violence preceded Mr McKinlay's appointment, one of his first concerns is to avoid another damaging riot.

Improved training of staff and police has been initiated and certain, specific individuals and teams selected, including psychologists, who would be brought into a prison in the event of trouble.

The reasons for the recent troubles, he said, were complex, but there were certain overriding factors. During the past few years there has been a 45 per cent increase in the number of long-term prisoners — those serving sentences of 18 months and more — in Scotland.

There has also been a reduction in the average age of long-term inmates meaning that more are in their early to mid-twenties, with a general disinclination to accept authority.

"When the riots first happened the novelty was hostage-taking", Mr McKinlay said. "It produced a copycat effect which left staff feeling uneasy".

The result has been that prison officers' morale has reached an all-time low with scores off ill, usually because of stress, at any one time.

Mr McKinlay has instituted regular meetings with his governors when no more than two or three items will be discussed.

He admitted that overcrowding in prisons such as Barlinnie and Edinburgh's Saughton Prison was a particularly difficult problem to resolve.

Part of the difficulty was their location — at the hub of population centres — but prisoners, he said, also had a right to be imprisoned near their families.

This week, the Scottish Office will publish a guide for the day-to-day running of Scottish prisons designed to update rules and regulations set down in 1953.

Mr McKinlay, who formally took up his position last month, has visited Barlinnie, Peterhead and Glenochil prisons and intends to visit all Scotland's prisons during the coming months.

● Compulsory testing for Aids and the issue of condoms "like plasters" were recommended for prisoners to limit the spread of the virus, by the Inspector General of Prisons at the weekend (Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent, writes).

In his first important policy speech since taking over last November, Judge Tumim also pledged himself to see an end to "slopping out", one of the "big slurs" on the prison system; and he criticized the judiciary for failing to visit the prisons to which they sent offenders.

American judges and French judges, for instance, had signed the prison visitors' books but not English judges.

Judge Tumim, who was addressing solicitors at the spring conference of the British Legal Association in Bath, said that a considerable section of the prison population was "secondary" homosexuals: homosexual in prison but not outside it.

"So they push Aids around and then they come out and push it around their wives and girl friends. It is a serious and very worrying question."

The prison medical service had not yet made up its mind on whether to distribute condoms, the judge said.

In his view, these should be distributed via the prison medical office, and treated like a "basket of plasters", and used in the same way to "keep the illness out".

Motorway repairs

Backing grows for better road lights

The Department of Transport is under increasing pressure to extend motorway lighting, an idea backed by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, the RAC and the Freight Transport Association.

At present 360 miles out of a motorway network of 1,400 miles have lighting, which, if fitted when a motorway is under construction, costs about £100,000 a mile.

Last week Mr Garry Turvey, Director-General of the Freight Transport Association, said it was three years since the House of Commons Transport Committee had recommended that all new motorways should be lit yet only 25 per cent of Britain's motorways were lit.

Motorway roadworks until next Monday:

London and South-east

M11 Essex: contraflow between jns 8 and 10 (Bishops Stortford/-Duxford).
M25 Surrey: lane restrictions between jns 11 and 13 (Chertsey/ Staines) and lane closures between jns 6 and 12 (Godstone/M3).
M25 Hertfordshire: lane closures between jn 24 (Potters Bar) and jn 25 (A10).
M2 Kent: lane closures between jn 4 and jn 5.
M20 Kent: contraflow between jns 11 and 13 (Hythe/Folkestone).
M4 Berkshire: jn 10 slip roads to A329(M) northbound closed until Friday between 9.30am and 4.30pm. Diversions.

Midlands

M1 Northamptonshire: off-peak lane closures between jns 16 and 17 (Northampton/M45).
M1 Leicestershire: contraflow at jn 23 (Loughborough). Only the northbound exit open.
M5 West Midlands: lane closures between jns 1 and 2 (West Bromwich/Dudley).
M5 Hereford/Worcester: contraflow between jns 5 and 6 (Droitwich/ Worcester north). Northbound entry slip at jn 6 closed. Lane restrictions and overnight carriageway closures between jns 4 and 8 (Bromsgrove/M50).
M6 West Midlands: southbound entry slip closed at jn 6 (Birmingham Central).

North

M6 Cheshire: contraflow between jns 16 and 17 (Kidsgrove/Sandbach).
M6 Cheshire: lane closures between jns 20 and 21 (M56/ Warrington).
M6 Cheshire: entry slip roads at jn 22 (Newton) closed. Southbound exit slip at jn 21 Warrington) closed at the weekend.
M6 Lancashire: contraflow between jns 29 and 31 (A6 Chorley /A59 Preston). Northbound entry and exit slips at jn 34 (Lancaster) closed.
M63 Greater Manchester: single line traffic between jn 3 and jn 6. Long delays likely.
M63 Greater Manchester: Serious peak hour congestion at Barton Bridge and construction of flyover at Portwood roundabout, Stockport.
A1(M) South Yorkshire: contraflow and slip road closures between A635 at Marr and A638 at Redhouse.
A1(M) County Durham: lane closures in both directions until Sunday on the River Wear bridge near Chester-le-Street.

Wales and the West

M4 Wiltshire: outside lane closed eastbound and 2 lanes closed westbound west of the Membury services. Eastbound exit slip at jn 15 (Swindon) reduced to one lane.
M4 Gwent: closures between jns 26 and 27 (Newport/High Cross).
M4 Glamorgan: lane closures and contraflow between jns 33 and 37 (Cardiff West/Pyle). Off-peak lane closures between jns 38 and 42 (Port Talbot/ A483).
M5 Gloucestershire: lane closures between jns 9 and 12 (Tewkesbury/Gloucester).
M5 Somerset: lane closures between jns 21 and 27 (Weston-super-Mare/Willand).

Scotland

M8 Lothian: eastbound traffic down to hard shoulder only at jn 3 (A899). Eastbound entry slip at jn 3 closed.
M8 Strathclyde: eastbound lane closures between jns 16 and 15 (Glasgow city centre/Townhead). Eastbound entry slip at jn 16 and eastbound exit slip at jn 15 closed on Sundays.
M74 Strathclyde: southbound lane closures between jns 6 and 7 (Hamilton/Larkhall).
M90/A90 Fife: single line traffic on the M90 at jn 1.
M8 Glasgow: eastbound access from A82 Great Western road closed.

● Information compiled and supplied by AA Roadwatch.

Fire deaths

A girl and her grandparents died in a fire in Andersonstown, west Belfast, yesterday. Mr Patrick Kelly, aged 74, his wife, Mary, aged 68, and Sarah Kelly, aged 11, were asleep when the fire started at a house in Denewood Drive.

Scouts on deck station



Venture Scouts celebrating their twenty-first anniversary serving breakfast yesterday to Commander Paul Du Vivier on the flight deck of HMS Illustrious.

The Scouts, members of the Croham Valley group in south-west London, were answering a national Venture Scout challenge to camp in an unusual location and invite a VIP or celebrity to a meal.

Twenty four Scouts pitched their tents on the aircraft carrier deck at Portsmouth docks and pronounced their stay one of their most comfortable.

Ashley Veit, aged 19, chairman of the group, said: "In comparison with some of the hillsides and awkward places we have pitched, it presented no great problems. It was a bit hard but perfectly flat."

"We first thought of approaching Harrods or Buckingham Palace but then decided we would have better luck with the Navy", he said.

"What we didn't realize until later was that because half of the group were girls we would have to obtain special dispensation to have females staying overnight in the ship. Thankfully this did not present a problem."

He added: "The worst part was trying to keep the scrambled eggs warm to go with the bacon and sausages.

"The commander said it was nice, but we don't really know whether he went back into the officers' mess and had another breakfast."

(Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

WHITEHALL BRIEF by David Walker

Hard questions on loyalty Sir Robin was not asked

Was there just a tinge of disappointment on Sir Robin Butler's countenance the other day as he ended his first session with the MPs on the Treasury and Civil Service committee?

The Head of the Home Civil Service is a man who likes a vigorous work out, whether on the squash court or in the intellectual gymnasium.

However the committee chairman, Mr Terence Higgins, Conservative MP for Worthing, and the timid crew he leads barely forced him to perspire.

Sir Robin was presenting the "note of guidance" issued to Whitehall by his predecessor as Cabinet Secretary cum Head of the Home Civil Service, Lord Armstrong.

What was remarkable about last week's apperance by Sir Robin was how far the "Armstrong doctrine" has, in spite of its innovations, become conventional wisdom.

Sir Robin likened the obedience owed by a Civil Servant to a minister to the obedience owed by a military man to his commanding officer.

Sir Robin deserves, at least, a return match in which he is grilled on what the Armstrong doctrine has to offer a new executive-style official.

MPs should at that point ask: do Civil Servants not have obligations not just to a minister, but towards their service and its traditions and internal standards of performance?



Jeremy Bentham: antique solution to a modern problem.

How can they, if they owe 100 per cent loyalty and obedience to the minister at the head of their department (Sir Robin's statistic) also have the flexibility ever to serve a minister of a completely different ideological stamp, without some notion of long-term commitment to "public service"?

The MPs might equally have leapt at Sir Robin's bland assumption that all ministers in equal measure represent "government policy". What does an official do (the crucial question in the Westland case) when ministers are at loggerheads and loyalty might tempt officials into, for example, leaking law officers' confidential advice?

This issue of departmental differences arose just as Sir Robin was dispatching the underarm bowling offering him by the MPs.

By coincidence Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, was disclosing leaked correspondence between No 10 and the Department of Education and Science that showed a marked difference of view between the Prime Minister and Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

However, the exchange was not just between two departments, and because of that the "leak inquiry" supposedly set in train by No 10 is unlikely to go far.

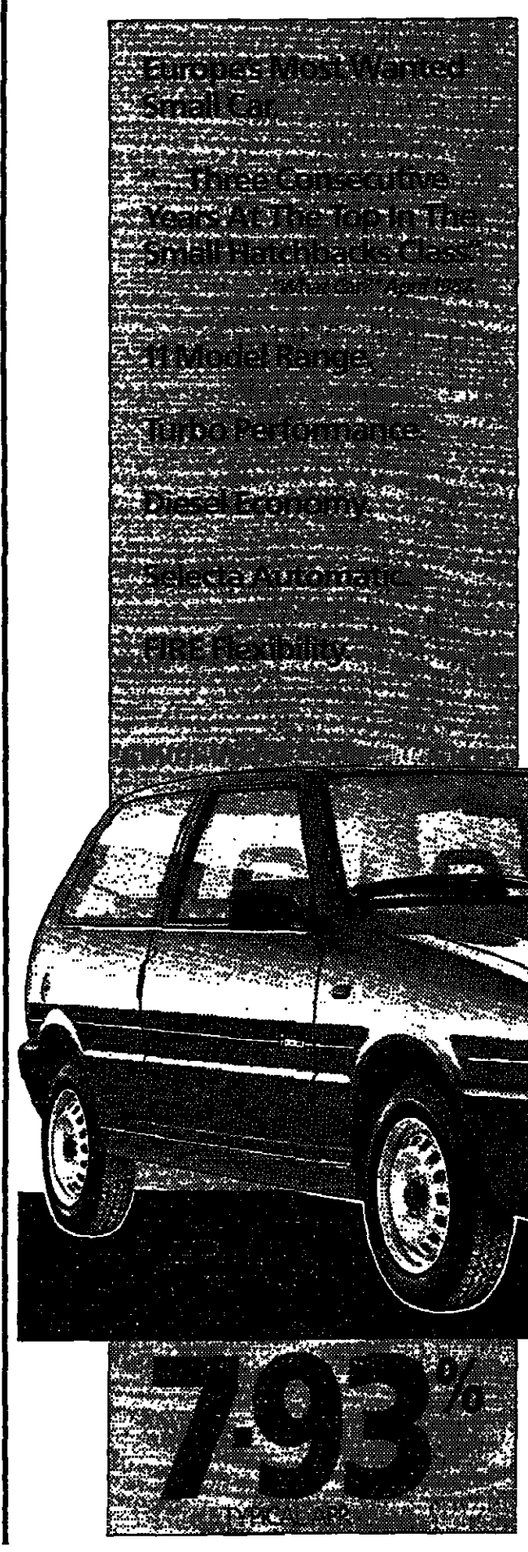
Disgruntled Civil Servants motivated to send documents to MPs are hard to find, especially in ministers' private offices: they are staffed not just by the best and brightest but also by officials with much personal loyalty to their minister. Disgruntled ministers are, however, 10 a penny.

In the week when Sir Roy Griffiths's report on community care is to be published — the week after *Action for Cities* was presented to the world — a new book on the failure of the Joint Approach to Social Policy 12 years ago ought to be required reading.

The new book recalls an antique solution to the problem from Jeremy Bentham, one that might yet appeal to Mrs Thatcher: "In the apartment of the Prime Minister, from an apt position within reach of the seat occupied by him, issue 13 conversation tubes, terminating in corresponding positions contiguous to the seats of the ministers in their several apartments".

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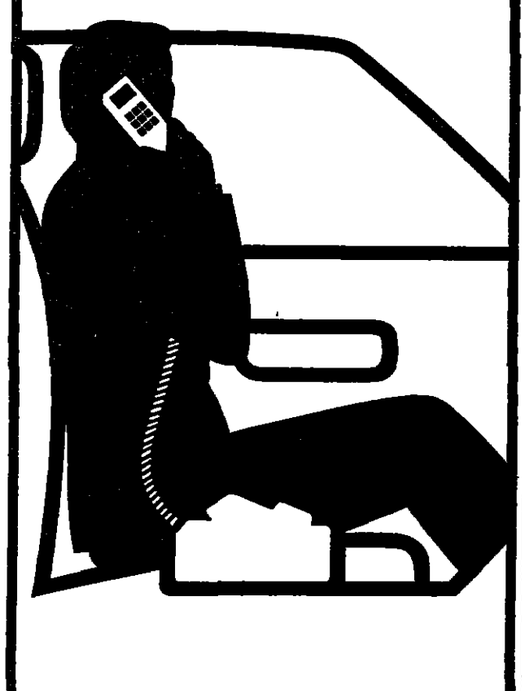
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Armenian protest in Moscow



More than 1,000 Christian Armenians demonstrating in Moscow yesterday against murderous attacks on their people by Muslims in Armenia's neighbouring republic of Azerbaijan. The protesters, holding a banner reading "Karabakh is and will remain Armenian", also demanded the return of the disputed Nagorny-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.

Noriega day of reckoning as US moves deepen crisis

From David Gollob, Panama City

Panama was braced for new outbreaks of unrest yesterday as pay day approached for hundreds of thousands of government and private sector employees, and the economy remained paralyzed due to a cash crisis.

Private banks were expected to remain closed for a second week, fearing a run on deposits after the freezing by US courts of $50 million (£27 million) in Panamanian government accounts in the United States.

Pensioners who were unable to cash their monthly cheques rioted last week in the streets of the capital and similar disturbances are feared as government workers, normally supportive of the military-backed regime, run out of money to feed their families.

Panamanian assets in the US were frozen at the request of lawyers for the former president, Señor Eric Delvalle, desposed in a palace coup last month by the armed forces chief, General Manuel Noriega, who is under indictment in the US for alleged drug trafficking and racketeering.

The Reagan Administration has said it recognizes Señor Delvalle as the legitimate President of Panama.

Although the Panamanian currency is called the *balboa*, this exists only in the form of coins; the US dollar is used for bank notes.

The US sanctions blocked shipments of dollars to Panama, crippling an economy already in serious trouble after nine months of political instability.

"This is a kind of financial guerrilla warfare," said Señor Luis Arias, former president of the National Bank of Panama, who estimates that government cash reserves will run out by the end of the month.

Applying further pressure to force the resignation of General Noriega and a return to civilian rule, the Reagan Administration has also suspended payment of canal fees of $6.5 million a month, removed preferential tariffs on Panamanian exports valued at $96 million, while a court in Miami has seized the US assets of Air Panama, the national airline.

Starved of cash to pay their employees, some private companies have bartered their services to food producers and retailers.

For example, instead of receiving a mid-month pay cheque, workers at a transport firm will get tins of sardines, sacks of rice, and 30 eggs.

Supermarket owners said on Friday that the Government had threatened them with confiscation if they refused to accept the pay cheques of government employees in exchange for food.

Panama's 150,000 government workers were due to have received their mid-month wages today.

"The Government is in a state of chaos," said Señor Arias, who resigned last July.

"Noriega doesn't like to hear bad news, he only likes to hear good news. They are trying to play for time, but they know defeat is around the corner."

Contras agree to rejoin peace talks

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

The Nicaraguan Contras, who have started to retreat in large numbers because of a critical shortage of bullets and basic equipment, have agreed to enter renewed peace talks with the Sandinista Government this month. They clearly will be in an extremely weak bargaining position.

Mr Elliot Abrams, the United States Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America, appeared resigned in an interview, published over the weekend, to the possible imminent collapse of the military effort. He said that by the end of this month there would be a "substantial reduction" of Contra forces in the field.

At President Reagan's request, a bipartisan group of five senators is trying to draw up a new aid package but there is little chance that Congress could consider it before June. Even then, there is virtually no prospect that the Nicaraguan rebels will get the military aid they so desperately need.

Contra leaders are serving warning that their estimated 12,000 men will soon be at the point of starvation and will be forced to withdraw from Nicaraguan territory into neighbouring Honduras and Costa Rica. While the rhetoric may be somewhat extreme in the hope of influencing Congress, it is clear that the rebel army is slowly disintegrating.

President Ortega of Nicaragua told *The New York Times* in an interview published at the weekend that he thinks Contra leaders will go to the bargaining table this month in "a position of weakness" because of congressional votes cutting off more military aid. He said the rebels had agreed to three days of talks beginning on March 21.

Señor Adolfo Calero, the principal Contra leader, angrily criticized the US as an unreliable ally and said that cutting off aid could be fatal to the Contras.

President Ortega said that portions of the statement would be broadcast over Nicaraguan radio. "This is the statement of a defeated leader," he added.

● SAN JOSÉ: President Arias of Costa Rica, who played a key role in convincing the US Congress to cut aid to the Contras, has now demanded that the Soviet Union reciprocate the Congress gesture by denying arms to left-wing insurgents in Central America (Martha Honey writes).

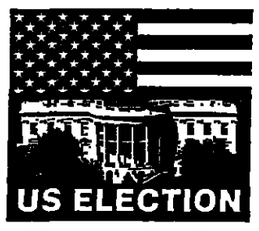
At a weekend press conference he said that he had written to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, pointing out that Soviet arms supplies to left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador and Guatemala were making regional peace efforts impossible. "The US Congress has given us a chance for peace in Central America...You should do the same," President Arias wrote.

The Bush juggernaut prepares to crush Dole

From Charles Bremner
Chicago

Senator Robert Dole, plunging in a free fall that would have seemed unthinkable only a month ago, struggled yesterday to recover from a bungled last-ditch broadcast to the citizens of Illinois while an ever more presidential Mr George Bush cruised the heartland stifling a triumphant grin.

While the Bush juggernaut prepared to put Mr Dole out of his ill-humoured misery in tomorrow's Republican primary, the Democratic triumvirate of the Rev Jesse Jackson, Governor Michael Dukakis and Senator Albert Gore tried hard to ignore the man who is spoiling their fun — Senator Paul Simon, the local favourite son.



Mr Dole's half-hour broadcast on Saturday night was a do-or-die gamble to slow the Bush momentum in the land of Lincoln, a state that has a tradition of treating politics like a blood sport. He faced one problem at the outset — competition from *The Wheel of Fortune*, the hugely popular quiz show on a rival channel.

Standing before a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, he said: "I know I'm the underdog in this race," and went on in uncharacteristically subdued fashion: "People know, people understand Bob Dole understands their problems. I have provided leadership. I can do it." But the real trouble began when the screen blanked out for four minutes and gremlins started playing tricks with a still picture of the candidate that the local station inserted to replace the living image.

Barring some miracle, Mr Dole is expected to withdraw from the race on Wednesday.

Mr Bush's men could hardly control their glee yesterday as their man attended a Catholic Mass and bobbed around the state at the head of his well-oiled campaign machine, appealing for party unity after the bruising battle with Mr Dole.

Local polls show Mr Bush heading for a 60 per cent vote over 28 per cent for Mr Dole. A national poll by *Newsweek* magazine showed that Mr Bush would defeat Mr Dukakis if those were the two candidates in a presidential election held now.

The *Newsweek* poll was welcome news to Mr Jackson and Mr Gore, who have been scratching for ammunition to use against the Massachusetts Governor. He is currently ahead in the delegate count for the convention in July.

Mr Jackson came bounding back into Chicago after his victory in the South Carolina caucuses on Saturday. In the Windy City he is assured of near 100 per cent support from blacks who make up nearly 40 per cent of the electorate here. But the white vote is less predictable, thanks to the efforts of Mr Simon, who stayed in the race at the bidding of local politicians despite his failures in the campaign so far.

The old-fashioned liberal senator is banking on serving as the voice of his state in the bargaining that is now expected to precede the choice of a candidate.

His optimism may be misplaced. Both main Chicago newspapers ignored the home-town man in their endorsements at the weekend. And on top of that, local polls showed support for the bow-tied senator ebbing rapidly as the voting nears, in favour of Mr Dukakis and Mr Gore. Senator Gore of Tennessee needs a strong showing in Illinois to prove that he can break out of the South, where his campaign so far has been concentrated.

● WASHINGTON: The Rev Jesse Jackson swept the board in the South Carolina Democratic caucus on Saturday, crushing the opposition in black precincts and capturing a significant number of votes in white areas (Christopher Thomas writes).

The second place was taken by a field of uncommitted delegates, demonstrating disarray among white voters over who to support.

The third place was taken by Senator Albert Gore, a disappointing result. He had hoped for a good showing to maintain the momentum he received in the "Super Tuesday" primaries.

British surgeon insists 'Hess' was murdered

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

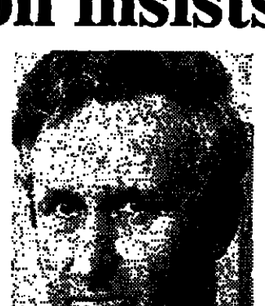
A British surgeon yesterday called for an international inquiry to examine evidence suggesting that Rudolf Hess was murdered.

When he died in Spandau prison, West Berlin, last August, aged 93, an investigation by the four wartime allies concluded that Hitler's wartime deputy had hanged himself. The key evidence was a suicide note and a report by a British forensic pathologist, which gave the cause of death as "asphyxia due to compression of the neck due to suspension".

But Mr Hugh Thomas, a consultant surgeon at the Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, yesterday challenged the conclusion. He said he believed that "prisoner No. 7" (he does not call him Hess) received a blow on the head and was then strangled with a wire by an attacker standing in front of him. A British Military Government official in West Berlin gave a detailed reply to Mr Thomas's allegations, but proved unable to answer important points.

The surgeon has claimed repeatedly in the past that the man who spent 40 years in Spandau was not Hess but an imposter. While his book making this claim was discounted by all official sources, the evidence he produced has never been satisfactorily explained. In a further book*, he plans to reproduce the previously unpublished reports of two post-mortem examinations which were carried out on the body of the inmate.

These, and his own knowledge of prisoner No. 7, whom he treated while serving as chief military surgeon in the 1970s, form the basis of his theory. "The very least one can say is that you cannot rule out murder," he said.



Mr Thomas studying Hess papers at home yesterday.

Mr Thomas told *The Times* that a second post-mortem examination carried out at the request of the Hess family, who were dissatisfied with the suicide verdict, found injuries which were not recorded in the official report. Professor Wolfgang Spann, a West German pathologist, found marks on Hess's neck which, Mr Thomas says, could not have been caused by hanging.

A British spokesman said yesterday that Hess hanged himself using a reading lamp extension cord which was attached to the catch of a high window. Mr Thomas replied that Hess was too frail to place the cord in position, but the official said it was already there. He was unable to explain *how* it came to be there, but contended that Hess looped it around his neck and fell backwards.

Mr Thomas said this was impossible because:

● An injury to Hess's head and dust on his jacket showed he had struck the floor, which meant the cord was slack, making death by hanging impossible;

● The neck marks were in the wrong place;

● The reading lamp was removed in 1979;

● The flex was an 11ft length of heavy cable, which Hess would not have been strong enough to form into a loop;

● Hess was found in a sitting position, slumped forward

Mr Thomas said that orders were given during the post-mortem examination that no fingerprints or photographs should be taken.

The examination was carried out by Professor James Cameron, a leading British pathologist, and witnessed by medically qualified officials of the four powers. But only his conclusions were published, not the full report.

Mr Thomas said the witnesses did not have forensic experience and did not sign the report, and the Americans' wish to conduct their own examination was denied.

The military spokesman said there was no question of any disagreement between the witnesses or among the four powers on the findings of the post-mortem examination.

Hess's son, Herr Rudiger Hess, said yesterday he knew nothing about the murder theory allegations. Previous statements have suggested that the family does not accept that Hess committed suicide.

*A Tale of Two Murders, to be published by Hodder and Stoughton.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Gadaffi frees last British prisoner

The last British prisoner in a Libyan jail, Mr James Abra, was freed yesterday after having served three years of a life sentence for alleged spying (Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, writes). Mr Abra, aged 59, a Plessey electronics engineer, was also one of the last to benefit from a release of foreigners ordered by Colonel Gadaffi.

The timing appeared to be linked to the arrival in Tripoli of Mr Ron Brown, Labour MP for Leith, who has personal links with the Libyan leader and has played a role in previous releases of Britons held there. He was present at a short hand-over ceremony yesterday, when Mr Abra was released into the care of Mr Hugh Dunnachie, head of the British Interests Section at the Italian Embassy.

His release came too late for him to be reunited with his wife Radka, who died in July of a heart attack. Mr Abra, from Hitchin, Hertforshire, allegedly passed secrets about Libyan radar defences to a foreign government. He is expected to leave Libya today, probably for Malta.

Angolan offer

Harare (Reuter) — Cuba and Angola have offered the United States a timetable for the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola, Luanda Radio reported. But the proposal will hold good only if the US and South Africa stop supporting Dr Jonas Savimbi's rebels, the radio said at the weekend.

Quoting an Angolan Foreign Ministry statement, it said the terms were put forward after Cuban, Angolan and US negotiators met in Luanda on Friday.

"The proposal includes a timetable for the movement of Cuban internationalist troops from the south to the north of the 13th parallel and the gradual departure of the troops to Cuba until their withdrawal is completed," the statement said.

Iraq vows reprisal

Baghdad (Reuter) — Iraq yesterday accused Iran of shelling civilians and said it would fire a ground-to-ground missile at Tehran in retaliation.

A military spokesman said 21 civilians had been killed and 79 injured so far in the shelling of the town of Halabja, 150 miles north-east of Baghdad, and Iraq would fire more missiles unless it stopped. He added that Iranian forces launched a new offensive in the northern war sector on Saturday.

The Iraqi warning came two days after Iraq and Iran agreed an informal truce in a two-week war of the cities in which both sides pounded each other's population centres. Iran reported that at least 300 of its people were killed in the tit-for-tat raids.

Aquino's warning

Manila — President Aquino gave the Philippine armed forces an unequivocal warning at the weekend to stay out of politics, saying that they should instead concentrate on fighting Communist guerrillas (Humphrey Hawksley writes).

Mrs Aquino, speaking at the graduation of cadets at the elite Philippine Military Academy in her dual role as President and Commander-in-Chief, said: "Policy is the business of the civilian authority, the President and the Congress... Fighting the enemies of that policy is your business."

Nearly all of the 135 graduates she addressed on Saturday had supported the rebellious colonels who tried to overthrow Mrs Aquino in a coup attempt last August.

Pledge to beat polio

Talloires, Haute Savoie — A world free of poliomyelitis is attainable as this century's public health gift to the next, an international conference held in this eastern French town has agreed (Alan McGregor writes).

The consensus on eradication of the crippling disease was reached by 75 experts on child and maternal health at the three-day meeting convened by the Taskforce for Child Survival, whose members include Unicef, the World Health Organization and the World Bank.

The spread of polio had been halted in North America and the campaign to prevent it in the rest of the Western hemisphere was going well. Both the Soviet Union and China are working towards eradication.

Muslim Bangladesh



Dhaka — President Ershad of Bangladesh, left, yesterday declared Islam the state religion and said that the new Parliament would frame laws based on the Koran (Ahmed Fazl writes). The former army head who this month celebrates six years in power told Muslim pilgrims the 16-year old secular constitution would be amended in the first step towards an Islamic republic. Almost 90 per cent of Bangladeshis are Muslim.

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Streetwise populist leading Chirac's campaign

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

With the publication of a new book about M Charles Pasqua, preceded by a revealing hour of the man himself on prime-time television, France's "top cop" is grabbing a lot of headlines these days.

But then, "Charlie" is used to setting the pace among his colleagues in government.

As the able and energetic Interior Minister in M Jacques Chirac's Cabinet, cracking down on street crime and terrorism, masterminding the last release of the French hostages held in Beirut, he has frequently enjoyed rather greater political visibility than his boss.

Greater popularity too, for while the dashing Prime Minister still finds it difficult to persuade ordinary French people to love him as a presidential candidate, M Pasqua's easy-going charm and streetwise manner can captivate even the most hostile opponents. It was for precisely these qualities, the hard man with a twinkle in his eye, that this former *pastis* salesman from Marseilles was put in charge of the regiment of slick young tecnocrats running the Chirac campaign.

Just the other day, television viewers here were treated to a vintage Pasqua performance. Looking more than ever like an overweight version of the revered French comedian, Fernandel, he remained largely unruffled by some searching questions about the sort of policies which led the leader of France's Socialists to exclaim: "This Interior Minister is dangerous!"

M Pasqua, aged 60, waited patiently for an opening to launch M Chirac's long-awaited "generation gap" assault on the President, aged 71, and presumed Socialist candidate, M François Mitterrand. What this country needs now, he said with unconvincing deference, is a dynamic young leader (M Chirac is 55): "At a certain point, sclerosis can no longer be avoided."

M Pasqua often seems to find the wily, enigmatic President altogether more fascinating than his own hyper-active candidate. They certainly have more in common. Like M Mitterrand, M Pasqua's origins are modest: his Corsican father was a minor civil servant. He, too, served with distinction in the French Resistance, fighting as a teenager in the same network as M Mitterrand.



M Pasqua: "There's no room for regrets, no going back."

The postwar years that M Pasqua worked as a travelling salesman for the *pastis* company, Ricard, slapping backs in corner bars all over the country, was to provide a priceless political education when he threw in his lot with General de Gaulle. By the mid-1960s, M Pasqua was running "Le Service d'Action Civic", the Gaullist private army.

It is no secret that some of the toughs recruited from around the Old Port in Marseilles used the organization to build up a thriving empire involving drugs, prostitution and extortion.

The authorities finally broke the organization up, and in the official inquiry that followed M Pasqua offered an intriguing glimpse of his robust philosophy: "With my temperament, there's no room for regrets, no going back. When a page is turned, that's it ..."

Fifteen years ago, M Pasqua joined forces with M Jacques Chirac, subsequently helping him to establish a new conservative party, the Rassemblement pour la République (Rally for the Republic). His reward when the RPR won the 1986 parliamentary election was the immensely influential Ministry of the Interior.

From there, working prodigious hours, M Pasqua has pursued a vigorous "get tough" policy by the police

His bulldozer methods occasionally rebound: the Iranian dissidents, deported from France as part of the controversial hostage deal with Iran, were quietly readmitted in the face of sharp protests (encouraged by President Mitterrand).

No regrets from M Pasqua, who sees an unswerving hard line on law and order as a potent vote winner come polling day. For all their computers and degrees in political science, none of M Chirac's other strategists can match "Charlie's" instinctive grasp of how the ordinary French are thinking and reacting.

400 Arabs quit the Israeli police in Palestinian protest

From Ian Murray, Bethlehem

Four hundred of Israel's 1,000 Arab policemen had resigned by yesterday evening in response to a call from the underground leadership of the disturbances that have rocked the occupied territories during the past three months.

With two more deaths reported yesterday – a boy, aged five, from Gaza and a man, aged 22, from Biddu village near Jerusalem, the angry unrest continued with Palestinians increasingly demanding that all "collaborators" stopped work for Israel.

The underground leadership, while keeping the Israeli security forces at full stretch with the continuing unrest, is now trying to undermine the civilian administration that enables Israel to run the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Among the 400 police to have quit is Mr Fadhar Najajereh. Unshaven and unhappy, he stood yesterday outside the police station in Bethlehem where he had served for the past 15 years and explained why he had left.

He said: "I serve the people. That is why I joined the police, in order to serve the people. Now the people do not want me to serve in this way so I am going. It is difficult for me to leave this important job. As Arabs who speak Hebrew, we can help our people so much just with the language. But our people want us to stop, so we are stopping."

He has nine children. In obeying the tense leaflet circulated by the "National United Leadership of the Uprising", he has forfeited his pension rights and will receive no compensation.

Mr Khamed Nashash had served for 10 years. His wages were 750 shekels (around £240) a month – so low, he said, that he would not really miss the money. His large family would be able to find him work to earn cash for his five children and two wives. He denied stories that the authorities had offered the men equal pay with their Israeli counterparts if they withdrew their resignations.

"The Palestinian people demand that we leave the job," he said. "We do it because of that, and not because we are afraid." The fact that one Arab policeman based at Bethlehem was brutally murdered last Monday night had not influenced his decision, he said.

By yesterday afternoon, 60 out of the 80 Arab police in the town had quit and the rest were expected to within days. Other resignations were reported from all the main centres. At Hebron, 68 had left, while 40 had gone at Ramallah. In the Gaza Strip, 130 had resigned.

With the movement snowballing, the Israeli authorities are predicting that it will be almost impossible to carry out normal police work in the occupied territories.

The leaflet concentrated on police and tax collectors, but Palestinian sources said yesterday that court officers, municipal workers and local councillors would all be asked specifically to resign soon.

The civil administration employs around 15,000 Arabs in the territories. Some 11,000 teachers are likely to be allowed to keep their jobs, but those in other services apparently will not be accorded that option. Palestinian sources say that the eventual aim is to set up local committees in each area to run services.

The subject was raised during yesterday's Cabinet meeting which was largely devoted to discussing this week's visit to the United States by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister. Throughout the session, Mr Shamir refused to discuss the new US peace initiative on the Middle East, let alone reach a decision about it. The Prime Minister said he would be seeking further clarification during his trip, and would report to the inner Cabinet after he returns on March 23.

Rival demonstrations by his opponents and supporters were held in Tel Aviv over the weekend. On Saturday evening, Peace Now protesters cheered a call for Mr Shamir to hand over land for peace.

Yesterday evening, settlers from the territories led a right-wing demonstration urging Mr Shamir not to surrender any territory. Around 80,000 turned up for each protest, potently symbolizing how evenly divided the country is on the matter.

New York (Reuter) – Verdi's opera *Nabucco*, which was to have been a central event in Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations this May, has been cancelled after Israel failed to guarantee the safety of performers – including the London Royal Philharmonic Orchestra – at the concert site in Jerusalem, said Mr Michael Ecker, president of Opera on Original Site Inc, a Geneva-based company.

Pyres lit for football dead



A Nepalese priest placing wood on one of several funeral pyres for victims of a football stadium stampede in the Himalayan kingdom in which at least 70 people were killed and nearly 100 seriously injured on Saturday. The victims were crushed and trampled in a rush for shelter from a violent hailstorm during a match in Kathmandu between Nepalese and Bangladeshi sides. The tragedy, the worst in modern Nepalese history, has already sparked recriminations. Police accused stadium officials of having locked the gates and kept the keys, survivors spoke of callous taxi drivers refusing to ferry the injured to hospital, and doctors attacked inadequate medical facilities.

Iran-Contra prosecutions

McFarlane in witness deal

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser who on Friday pleaded guilty to four relatively minor criminal charges, is expected to be a key prosecution witness against two former Reagan Administration officials who were central to the Iran-Contra fiasco.

Mr Lawrence Walsh, the special prosecutor investigating the affair, believes he will be ready to bring important indictments next month. The main targets of his investigation have been Rear-Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser, and Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the sacked White House aide.

Although Mr McFarlane agreed in a plea bargaining arrangement to appear as a prosecution witness in any trials, he is not expected to provide any new stunning information to help Mr Walsh's inquiries. Mr Walsh described the plea arrangement merely as "a great facilitation – it helps".

Mr McFarlane faces a sentence of up to four years' imprisonment and a fine of up to $400,000. But there is some concern about the state of Mr McFarlane's mind – he has already attempted suicide once – and officials close to the case say the judge may decide against a prison term.

The charges against Mr McFarlane are misdemeanours.

The charges are that he withheld information from Congress about the Reagan Administration's secret aid to the Contras during a two-year period when Congress had restricted US military assistance to the rebels. His guilty plea made him the first former Reagan Administration official to admit criminal acts during the Iran-Contra affair.

Three of the misdemeanours involved deliberately withholding information from Congress during the secret supply operation to the Contras. The fourth crime was committed when Mr McFarlane hid facts from Congress after the Iran-Contra affair became public.

Repeated delays in Mr Walsh's inquries – he first predicted that indictments would be served last November – have raised questions about whether his 15-month probe has managed to turn up significant new evidence beyond what was uncovered by the congressional investigation last year, and by the Tower Commission established by President Reagan.

Mr McFarlane, aged 50, initially did not want to plead guilty to anything. He tried to back out of the plea agreement several days ago. In an interview published over the weekend, he said he pleaded guilty because "at the end, had I been acquitted, it would have been at enormous cost to me and my family".

Italians hurry to forge new coalition as economy sags

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Italy today begins its most important round of political broking for more than five years as it searches for a new Prime Minister and a Government stable enough to introduce big parliamentary changes, keep the economy off the rocks and salvage the country's nuclear policy.

The resignation of Signor Giovanni Goria late on Friday and the resulting weekend turmoil has a leaden familiarity about it; it was Signor Goria's third resignation in seven months. On the two previous occasions President Cossiga persuaded Signor Goria to try again. The result has been a more or less permanent crisis.

This time, however, President Cossiga, who starts his search for a new Prime Minister today, is looking for a Government without built-in obsolescence. The first task is to see if the dominant Christian Democratic Party can agree on a candidate.

Signor Goria's downfall was prompted by a back bench rebellion of about 50 Christian Democrat deputies who constantly voted against the budget. There was also a dispute over nuclear policy.

Their plan was to get rid of Signor Goria and instead install Signor Ciriaco de Mita, the powerful party chairman. This was not an act of generosity: a party faction believed that pushing Signor de Mita into the Prime Minister's office would push him out of the party leadership. In the Christian Democratic Party the two positions appear to be irreconcilable.

The Christian Democratic congress has been postponed until autumn and the anti-de Mita faction hopes that he will be safely bogged down in the problems of national leadership by then.

President Cossiga may ask Signor de Mita to find a suitable coalition. That is, when the next set of problems will arise. Signor Goria had promised to resign this week after the 1988 budget was safely dispatched by Parliament. But he quit quicker than expected because of a dispute over nuclear policy.

Italy is now moving closer to the prospect of a centre-left coalition. Despite bitter polemics and obvious ideological differences, the Communist Party and the Socialist Party – which could form the core of a new government – now agree on far more than the Christian Democrats and the Socialists.

The next fortnight will reveal whether this momentous shift – putting the Communists in or close to power for the first time – is a realistic prospect.

In any case, Signor Bettino Craxi, the Socialist leader, can use the possibility to get maximum advantage from his negotiations with Signor de Mita.

Mujahidin's war of words turns to bloodshed

From Edward Gorman
Jaji, Afghanistan

In the snow-covered mountains of Paktia, Mujahidin guerrillas of the fundamentalist Jamyat-i Islami faction are conducting their own version of the Geneva talks in a dialogue with Kabul regime soldiers which normally ends not in agreement or deadlock, but bloodshed.

Mr Jan Mohammad, a young firebrand from Fitia village with about 80 Mujahidin under his command, has been taking his men to the local Afghan army garrisons. They crawl to within 300 metres of the government posts and then, using a megaphone, begin what he describes as his "programme".

"We start by reading a few verses of the holy Koran," he said through an interpreter at his base. "Then we give them some advice," he adds with a grin. "We say to them: 'Our dear soldier brothers, you should not fight against us and we should not fight against you. Put down your weapons and join us.'"

Invariably this civilized opening rapidly degenerates into an exchange of insults followed by a set-piece battle. The day before I met him, one of his men was shot in the leg by Kabul regime soldiers evidently not in the least bit impressed by his commander's diplomacy.

For men like Mr Mohammad, sheltering from the bitter cold in a simple mud and timber hut, the conference tables of Geneva seem remote indeed and offer little prospect of an end to the war. He said he was still not convinced that the Russians had taken the decision to leave, arguing that there was evidence of continuing preparations by the Soviet Army for a permanent presence in Afghanistan. If they do go, he foresees continuing fighting with the Kabul regime. "We will fight with them until the UN forces come to stop the fighting," he said.

Across the valley, Commander Mohammad Anwar, also of Jamyat, expressed similar scepticism about the chances either of agreement at Geneva or a withdrawal of Soviet troops. He said the only option open to the Mujahidin was to continue fighting. "All the Mujahidin are fighting the same as ever because we know that this is the one way we can be sure that the Russians will leave."

Commander Anwar leads over 1,000 men at Jagdalak, near Kabul, from where he launches attacks on Soviet convoys moving up the Kabul-Jalalabad road. His arsenal includes Stinger anti-aircraft missiles supplied by the CIA with which he shot down eight Soviet jets last year, Chinese BM12 multiple rocket launchers and several heavy anti-aircraft guns.

He says he is concerned that agreement at Geneva may lead to a cut-off of weapons to the Mujahidin while the Kabul Government could amass a huge arsenal supplied by the Soviet Union during a lengthy withdrawal. He said it was far from certain that the Mujahidin could easily crush the Kabul regime once Soviet troops had left and he wants the Americans to continue supplying weapons.

While most guerrillas I spoke to in Paktia expressed satisfaction with the Mujahidin leadership, Commander Anwar said he was fed up with the continuing infighting among the leaders.

Last week, for instance, Professor Sibghatullah Mujadidi, leader of the moderate Afghanistan National Liberation Front, announced on Tuesday that he had resigned from the seven-party alliance, accusing the other leaders of planning to assassinate him. On Wednesday he promptly rejoined them.

Commander Anwar said it was likely that these rivalries would develop into outright civil war between the groups after a withdrawal.

● **Leader resigns: Maulavi Yunis Khalis has resigned as leader of the seven-party Mujahidin alliance. Mr Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of the hardline Hezb-i Islami faction is expected to take over as president following an agreed six-monthly rotation of the position amongst the seven leaders.**

Decision on pact today

Quetta (Reuter) – The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, said yesterday that Pakistan would decide today whether to sign a UN-mediated Afghan peace accord in Geneva.

He told reporters he had completed a process of consultations and will make his final decision as the peace talks in Geneva resume after a two-day break. The Soviet Union has offered to withdraw an estimated 115,000 troops in Afghanistan within nine months beginning on May 15 if Pakistan signs the agreement by tomorrow.

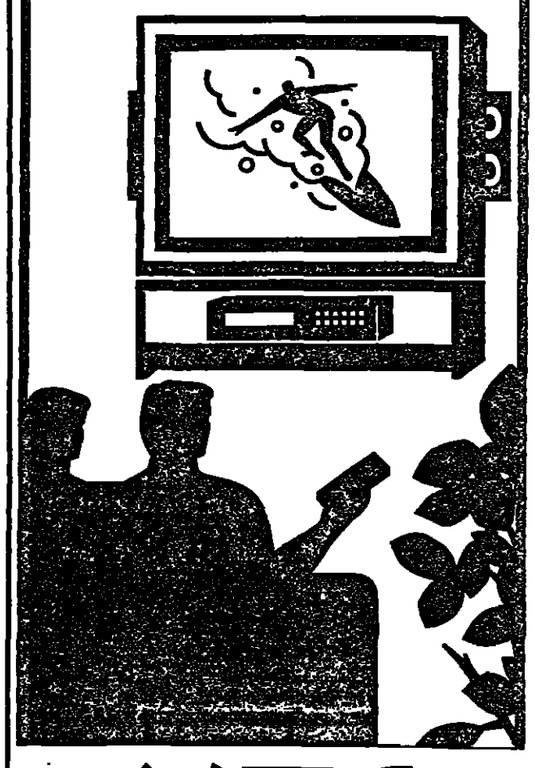
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Postwar files of guilt ignore lost generation of another Holocaust

Fear reigns among Vienna gypsies 50 years on

From Robert Fisk
Vienna

"I'll tell you who I am," the elderly man said. "I'm Charlie. You want to know my real name?" And without waiting for our reply, "Charlie" undid the button of his right cuff and rolled up his sleeve. Through the grey hairs on his arm, the tattooed numbers were still clearly visible.

The gypsy band was growing louder behind him, the singer wailing a long Hungarian dirge. "That's my real name," he shouted above the music, staring at us belligerently and pointing his left forefinger to his right arm.

"You want to call me at home? You want to write to me? Use that name. That's who I am – Z5742."

"Charlie" brandished, just briefly, a small government passbook that proved he was a concentration camp survivor. But he kept his left hand over the family name on the document. And he looked over his right shoulder at the young men and women watching him with faint amusement from the next table. It was then that we realized that "Charlie" was still – right here in this cosy bar in Vienna – a frightened man.

No one knows exactly how many gypsies survived the Second World War. Half a million were sent to concentration camps and gassed – by Austrian as well as German SS functionaries. Perhaps 2,000 still live in Austria, only 100 in Vienna, too vague a figure to form a survivors' organization, too low a statistic to receive sympathy.

"Charlie" was sent to Auschwitz, Buchenwald and then Flossenburg. When he describes his father's hanging and the murder of his mother, two of his sisters and a brother, he begins to cry. But still he looks guiltily around him at the other clients in the little bar, aware that his friends in the gypsy band are drawing attention to the little party at our table.

It was a friendly enough little gathering, four or five gypsies who had called their friends to meet them and discuss the unwillingness of the authorities to make reparations for the lost families.

The gypsies' own Holocaust has gone singularly unrepresented in the post-war files of guilt and complicity.

There is a leader of the Vienna gypsies, not a "king", but a quiet businessman called Edward Caroly, who turned up at the bar to express his own, powerless concern.

"Yes, it is the anniverary of the Anschluss, but we plan nothing official because we are scared."

Scared of who? "Of the Nazis. We are left alone – providing no one knows we are gypsies."

"Charlie" who is listening – and who hastily rolled down his sleeve when he began to attract too much attention – does not want to be misunderstood. "It is not Waldheim. We don't know who this Waldheim is, or what he did. But the people who wanted him to be President, these people don't like us. All the gypsies are scared."

"Charlie", who was deported to Poland by the Nazis on the same train as Mr Caroly's grandparents, runs an export-import business and tells his customers he is Iranian; he has even learnt a few words of Farsi to convince them.

There is a well dressed young man listening. He describes himself as a friend of the gypsies, an Austrian from Lachenbach in the Burgenland. He is married to a Jewish girl and briefly puts his arm round Mr Caroly's shoulders. "There was a big camp for Austrian gypsies where I was born," he said.

"When I was a little boy, I didn't know what it was for and only later did I learn it was a transit point. All the gypsies there were put on trains for Auschwitz but no one here even thinks about this. Yet these people also lost a generation."

Mr Caroly, who seemed anxious throughout the evening, gives way only once to emotion. When the music reaches its peak, he leans over and says: "The gypsies have no real home, no promised land, no rich relatives in America. The only thing we wanted in 600 years was living, travelling and wandering. That is why we suffered discrimination."

The night Vienna died, page 21

Belgrade's crisis offers lessons to Gorbachov

From Richard Bassett, Belgrade

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov arrives in Belgrade today for a four-day visit to Yugoslavia, the only communist nation in Europe he has not been to since becoming Soviet leader three years ago.

The timing of the event – the first visit to the country by a Kremlin chief since Brezhnev attended Tito's funeral in 1980 – is somewhat ironic, coming as it does at a sensitive point in Mr Gorbachov's domestic reform programme.

Stalin expelled Yugoslavia from the Eastern bloc in 1948 after Tito developed a more flexible form of communism independent of Moscow.

Tito's belief in the self-management of the economy resembled some aspects of Mr Gorbachov's restructuring policies. But Yugoslavia since Tito has limped from one economic crisis to the next, its brand of communism manifestly incapable of preserving financial or even political stability.

Inflation is now running at more than 150 per cent. The number of unemployed, although officially fewer than 30,000, is steadily rising to an estimated 150,000 in a population of around 23 million, and frequent attempts to hold down inflation by imposing price freezes have failed to arrest the crisis. On the economic front, Yugoslavia offers Mr Gorbachov a dramatic lesson in the pitfalls that await those who try to reform traditional communist rules of economic management.

Moreover, Mr Gorbachov, in coming straight from the problems posed by continuing Armenian minority disturbances in the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan, will also be confronted with an all too vivid picture of the frictions that racial and religious differences can provoke within a nation. Yugoslavia's six republics and two autonomous regions encompass almost every shape and variety of Balkan ethnic life, from prosperous, hard-working Alpine Slovenes in the north to impoverished, sometimes rebellious southern Albanians.

As the economic situation has deteriorated in Yugoslavia, these racial, religious and economic differences have been underlined. The wealthier northern republics of Slovenia and Croatia have become more critical of the Belgrade Government, which is perceived as appropriating the income they have generated only to squander it in what are regarded as hopeless projects in Serbia, Montenegro or Kosovo.

Mr Gorbachov will have a chance during his visit to see some of these differences when he visits Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, on Wednesday. He will also see the country's immense wealth from tourism when he ends his visit in Dubrovnik the "jewel of the Adriatic".

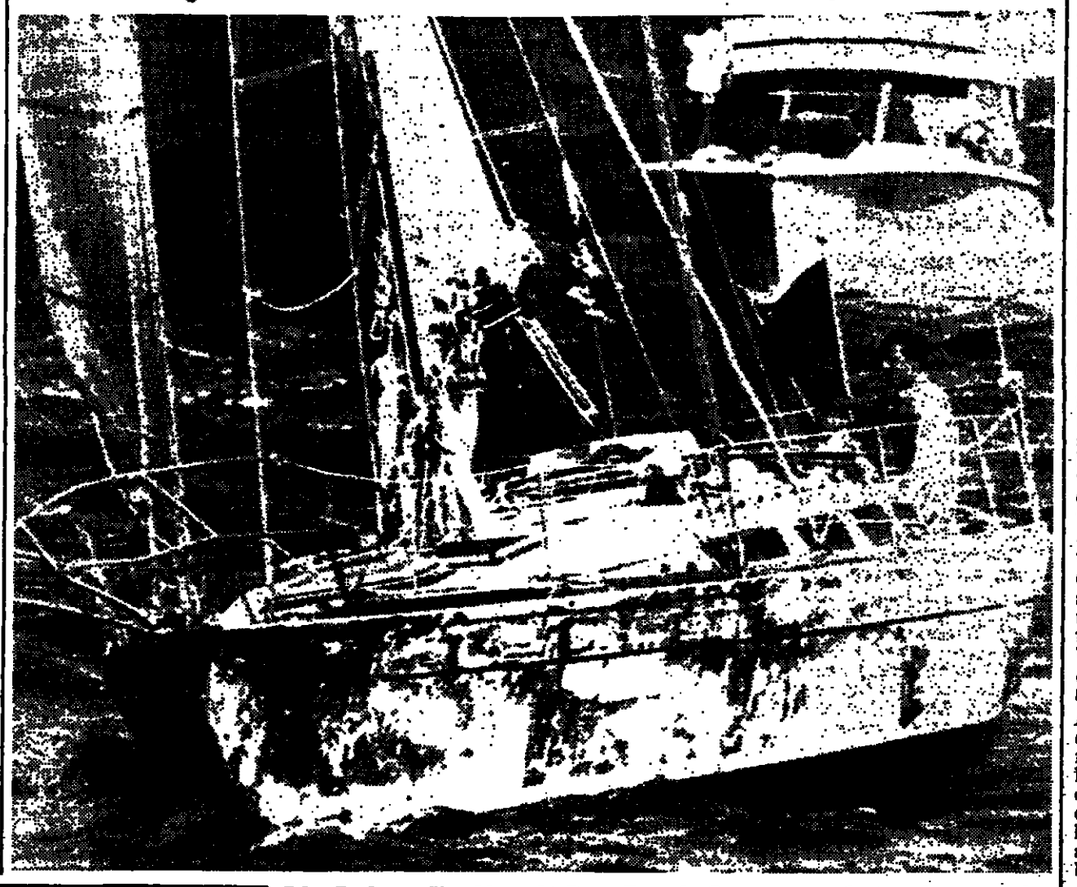
Though his visit will be a matter largely of flying the Soviet flag he will also address himself to bilateral economic issues. Chief of these is the $1.5 billion (£810 million) deficit that the Soviet Union has with Yugoslavia.

These issues may well be ironed out in the next few days. In 1986, Mr Gorbachov admitted, to Belgrade's pleasure, that there had been "errors" in Soviet-Yugoslav relations.

For their part, the Yugoslavs – particularly the Serbs – are glad to have a Soviet leader in their midst who will stick to the 1955 memorandum governing ties between the two countries, which pledged non-interference by Moscow in Yugoslav affairs.

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Lone yachtsman ends 658 days at sea



John Sanders sailing his yacht Parry Endeavour into Fremantle, Western Australia, yesterday, becoming the first person to circumnavigate the world three times non-stop. His voyage ended after 658 days at sea on board the 14-metre sloop.

Despite the welcome by thousands who lined the shore as he sailed into the harbour, it was a sad homecoming because both his parents had died during the voyage (Our Correspondent writes from Sydney). An armada of small boats went out to escort the vessel into Victoria Quay, her white hull battered and stained green after so long at sea.

Mr Sanders, aged 48 and a worker in the wool trade, set off on May 25, 1986, determined to circumnavigate the world three times in a journey of 80,000 nautical miles. He faced many hardships and at one point was feared lost at sea. His radio was out of action for five months, his food ran dangerously low after being contaminated by sea water and there was the battering by gales and storms.

Yesterday Mr Sanders took his first shaky steps ashore to a welcome by the Premier of Western Australia, Mr Peter Dowding.

"It's an emotional moment for me to come home like this," he said. "Imagine my excitement this morning when I stood in the cockpit, looked ahead and saw the lighthouse on the horizon to know I was nearly home at last. I had been counting down the days because my food supplies were almost exhausted. But you will find quite a lot of satchels of freeze dried smoked fish and parsley sauce left on board. I couldn't eat it. I hate it."

Now Mr Sanders now intends to enjoy a long rest from the sea.

The Parry Endeavour is to be put on display at Fremantle's Maritime Museum.

Swazis imprison 10 for treason

Mbabane (AP) – Ten former Swaziland officials, including a Prime Minister, Prince Bhekimpi, were sentenced to prison for up to 15 years for treason and action against the office of the Queen Mother, the High Court announced.

Justice Nicholas Hannah said that the 60-page judgement on the case, heard *in camera* over four months, would not be made public. A special tribunal found that the 10 had illegally removed Dzeliwe, the Queen Regent and King Mswati III's grandmother, from power in August, 1983, replacing her with Mswati's mother, Ntombi.

Dhaka detains 'thousands'

Dhaka – More than 10,000 political prisoners are being held in Bangladeshi jails, a leading opposition figure alleged (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Begum Khaleda Zia, the chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, said that the country had the highest number of political detainees – including party workers, trade union activists, and students opposed to the Government of President Ershad – in its 16-year history.

Officials fired

Moscow (Reuter) – Four Uzbekistan officials, including a deputy prime minister, have been sacked after *Pravda* revealed that they had falsified economic reports.

Escape fails

West Berlin (AFP) – East German border guards foiled an escape to West Berlin by an unidentified person who tried to cross the icy Spree river, West Berlin police said.

Sikh killings

Amritsar (Reuter) – Sikh extremists abducted two communist activists from their home near the Sikh holy city of Amritsar in the Indian state of Punjab, took them to the house of a village headman and murdered all three in cold blood, police said.

Soviet view

Oslo (Reuter) – Four Soviet colonels took Nato helicopters on a whirlwind tour of a big Western winter exercise in northern Norway, the first such view of the alliance's northern flank by the Warsaw Pact under a new "right of inspections" system.

Tunnel opens

Tokyo (Reuter) – The world's longest undersea tunnel was opened to rail traffic, after a quarter century of construction, to connect the main Japanese island of Honshu with northern Hokkaido.

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South Africa's neo-Nazis

Rise of apartheid's high priest

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr Eugene Terre Blanche, the bearded high priest of diehard white defenders of old-style apartheid, looks genuinely shocked when told that he is widely regarded as a racist and neo-Nazi. His rather striking grey-blue eyes assume an air of injured innocence.

"How can I be a Nazi? I am an Afrikaner, true to my history, my culture and my God, the God with whom we entered into a covenant at the Battle of Blood River. My forefathers fought for this land and they civilized it with the blood and tears of their mothers and children," he declares.

The statement deftly invokes many of the myths and symbols of blood, history and religion which the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), or the Afrikaner Resistance Movement, exploits to such telling effect. It is South Africa's fastest-growing extra-parliamentary organization on the extreme right.

Mr Terre Blanche, who is 47, and the AWB, of which he is the leader and founder, have played an important role in mobilizing support for the Conservative Party of Dr Andries Treurnicht which won 26 per cent of the vote at the white general election in May of last year.

Earlier this month the party scored two striking by-election victories in the Transvaal, indicating that it is still growing. Almost daily front-page reports in pro-government newspapers, attacking the links between the CP and the AWB, signally failed to damage Dr Treurnicht's party at the polls.

A year ago the AWB operated from a couple of rather dingy rooms in central Pretoria. Now Mr Terre Blanche receives visitors in a plush suite of offices in Waterkloof Heights, the capital's most exclusive residential suburb. Money is clearly no problem.

When he speaks in Afrikaans before a crowd – no English is heard at AWB meetings – Mr Terre Blanche is a compelling, if overtly racist, orator. In Pretoria last month he drew near-hysterical applause with his promise that one day the AWB would govern with the aid of "our superior white genes".

In private, he insists he is not a racist. "I just want the land of my forefathers. I do not claim it for whites but for the Afrikaner nation. Only a nation has a claim on land. Britain went to war over the Falkland Islands because she regards them as sovereign territory.

"Now you want me to give up my land to the ANC (African National Congress), who are not a nation, who are not even Xhosas or Zulus, who are just a bunch of communist-inspired murderers straight from Hell. They are the real racists when they claim all the land in Africa for blacks."

The AWB's goal is the creation of a Boer (the old word for Afrikaner) state which would comprise the territories of the 19th-century Boer republics of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal and parts of northern Natal.

The Orange Free State and Transvaal republics were crushed by the British in the Boer War of 1899-1902. Natal was briefly also a Boer republic. It was there, too, that the Boer voortrekkers, or pioneers, exacted their famous revenge at Blood River for the murder of Piet Retief, one of their leaders, by the Zulu king, Dingaan. The Cape would be abandoned, and Afrikaners there would have to make a latter-day "Great Trek" to join the new Utopia. Blacks would be welcome only as labourers, Jews only if they converted to Christianity, and white English-speakers only if they "identified totally with the Afrikaner cause".

The AWB's emblem, a swastika-like arrangement of three black 7s set in a white circle on a blood-red ground and surmounted by an eagle with outspread wings, is not of Nazi inspiration, Mr Terre Blanche implausibly insists. It is the counter-sign to the three 6s, the sign of the Beast and the Antichrist in the Book of Revelations.



Mr Terre Blanche: Invokes myths of blood and history.

How seriously should the AWB and its quasi-biblical mumbo-jumbo be taken? Mr Terre Blanche declines to discuss AWB membership figures. Support seems to come mainly from debt-ridden farmers, and small businessmen, miners and the lower levels of the Civil Service and the police. It draws increasingly large crowds.

Mr Terre Blanche, in addition to being a poet and playwright, one of whose works was once a set book in Afrikaans schools, is himself a former policeman. Recently seven police reservists were dismissed in the northern Transvaal after admitting they were members of the AWB.

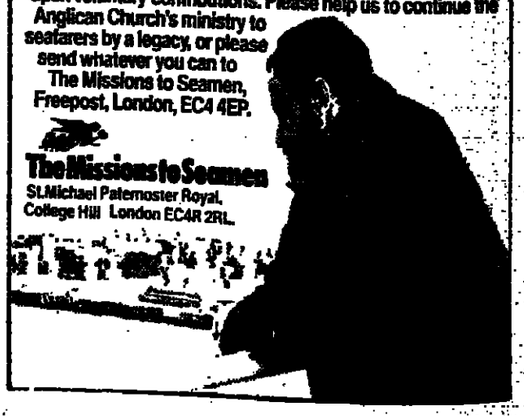
Hitherto the Government has allowed the AWB a latitude not permitted other opposition groups. Its members appear armed with guns at public meetings and attend paramilitary training camps. It calls openly on its followers to be ready to take over the country by force if there is a collapse of law and order.

"The Government dares not ban us," boasts Mr Terre Blanche, who notes that his name literally means "white earth". "If they did, they would be banning the Afrikaner nation," he insists. So far he has been proved right.

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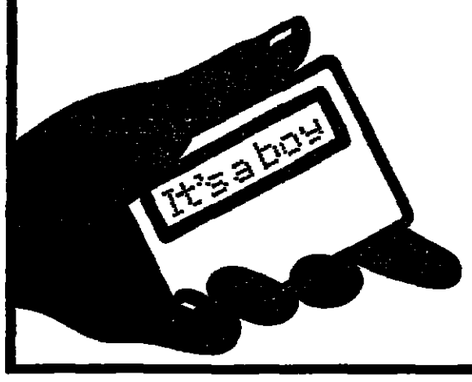
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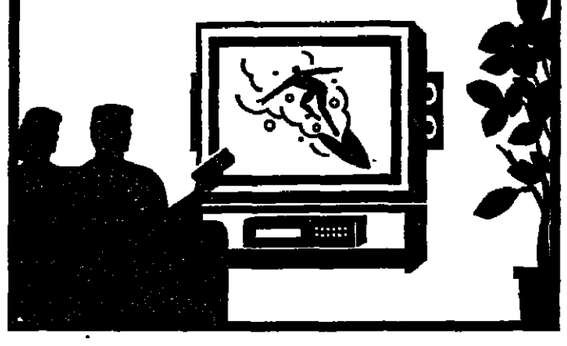
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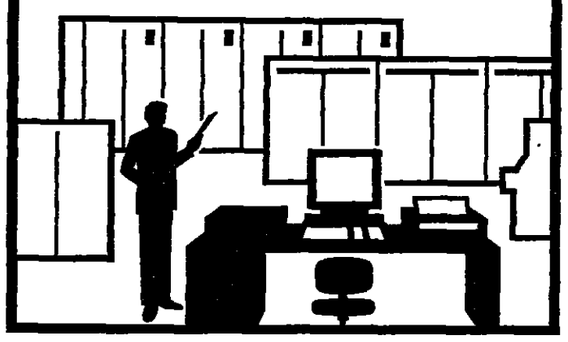
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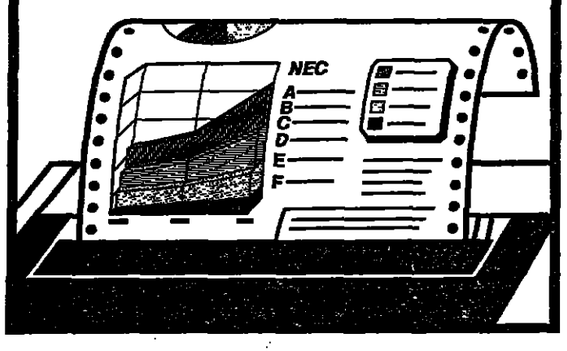
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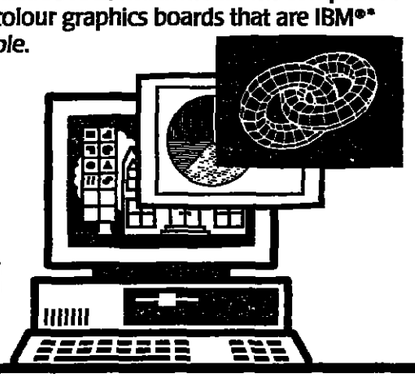
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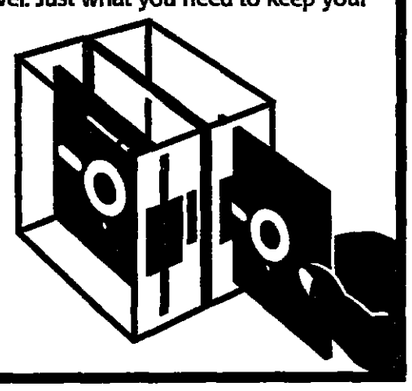


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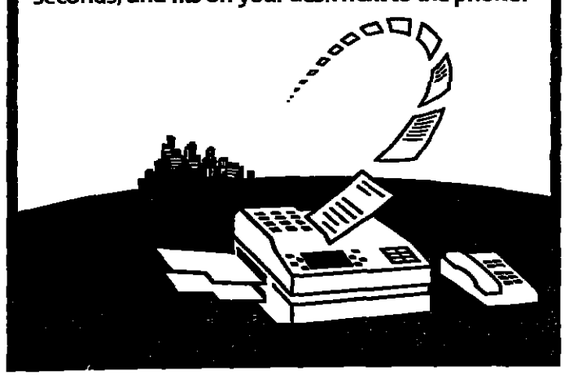
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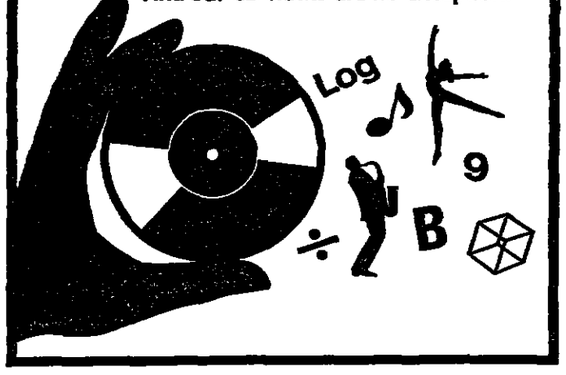
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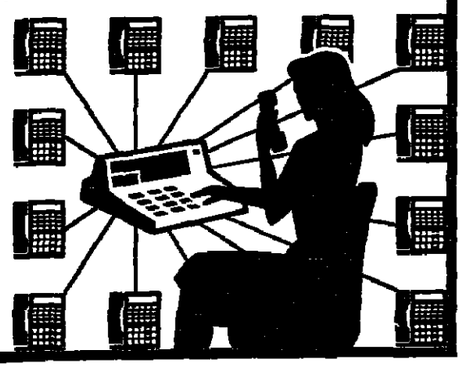
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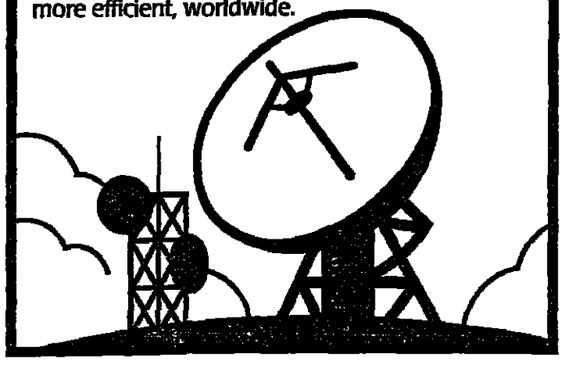
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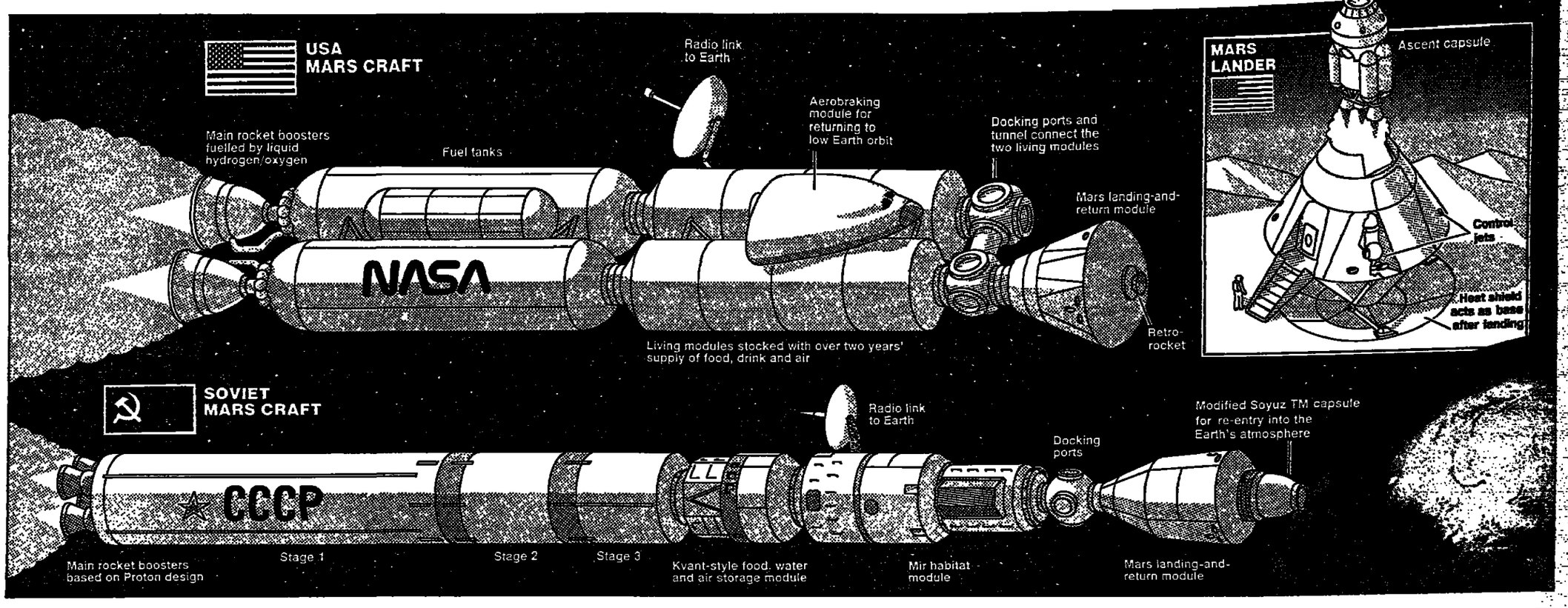
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2007, the space opportunity

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The Moon has been conquered and space travel is now almost routine. What is next? Keith Hindley looks towards Mars and the plans for a manned mission. Both distance and cost are immense: could this be the catalyst for the super powers to collaborate?

Within 20 years, human eyes will witness their first Martian sunset. But as the pink sky fades into the bitter Martian night, will the dying rays reveal the hammer and sickle or the stars and stripes on the watcher's spacesuit?

Back in the 1960s, America beat the Soviet Union to a Moon landing, but can either side afford a race to Mars? Both agree that the mission could cost $100 billion, a staggering figure that many believe must be shared. But can the politicians agree to co-operate?

The expedition to Mars will be a far greater adventure than the Moon landing. The planet has a 24-hour day and seasons just like the Earth, but it is bitterly cold, with temperatures rarely creeping above freezing. The air is so thin that spacesuits would have to be worn in the open all the time. But Mars is the only other planet in the solar system that man could effectively colonize.

Our needs for oxygen and water could be met by iron oxide soil (the rust which gives the planet its red appearance) and underground permafrost. But getting to and from Mars presents real challenges. Each leg would take nearly a year, but the main difficulty is the daunting cost. "Even reconnaissance craft are multi-billion dollar projects," says Academician Roald Sagdeyev, of the Moscow-based Institute of Space Research. "So much could be saved by joining efforts. After all, both America and Russia are currently planning such craft."

Scientists and engineers of both countries seem keen to pool resources, but they fear that politicians will find it hard to accept collaboration on such a scale.

The Russians are far ahead in planning a Mars campaign and will open their account in July with the launch of the two Phobos survey craft. They already possess most of the hardware needed to mount a manned landing. But there is no shortage of enthusiasm for Mars in the United States. Last month President Reagan earmarked $100 million to begin feasibility studies.

All the elements needed for a Mars expedition must be first launched into Earth orbit, where they will be assembled into the mission craft. The main requirements are: powerful main motors; a habitat module for the crew; storage for more than two years' food, water and air; a landing capsule for descending to and returning from the Martian surface; and a descent capsule for the short, final leg back to Earth.

The Russians already possess a general-purpose habitat module — the Mir space station. The Kvant module, which is now in orbit attached to the Mir station, could readily accommodate the expedition's food. The Russians developed a lunar landing craft in the 1960s and this could be adapted for a Mars landing. For Earth return, there is the Soyuz.

The second and third stages of the Soviet Proton launch booster have an engine of proven reliability and enlarged versions could power a Mars expedition. Energiya, the new Soviet heavy booster, provides the final element, the means to launch all these items into orbit for assembly. At this moment, the second Energiya rocket stands on its launch pad at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. It should lift off in the next few days.

American engineers have conducted many studies of Mars spacecraft, but their plans are at a very early stage and they currently possess none of the necessary hardware. President Reagan's $100 million will be used to define the technology needed. American ideas currently involve adapting the space-station modules they plan to orbit in about eight years time to act as habitat for the Mars crew. They would also need to develop new hi-tech engines.

Going to Mars is one thing, returning safely another. The home-bound craft would arrive at nearly 27,000 mph, far faster than the 18,000 mph of orbiting spacecraft. American engineers want to skip repeatedly through the atmosphere to shed this extra speed using a specially shaped mini-shuttle. This "aerobraking" would leave the craft in low orbit for recovery by the space shuttle.

But the cost of all this will be vast; collaboration seems essential. The multi-nation Vega project, which despatched two satellites to Halley's Comet, was a turning point. Roald Sagdeyev had to persuade the Soviet authorities to permit Western collaboration. "Collaboration means that with our limited resources, we can get more done," says Alec Galeev, the head of Plasma Physics at Sagdeyev's Institute of Space Research.

In the past, each time US-USSR space co-operation has got under way, relations have been broken off by a political crisis. Now the process is under way again — there is an international input to the Phobos project — but American space scientist have to move slowly for fear of upsetting their politicians.

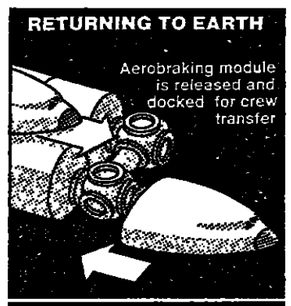
"Everyone now agrees that Mars should be explored as an international scientific endeavour," says Eugene Levy, a committee chairman of the US Space Science Board. "The problem is how do we get from today, when there is limited exchange, to some glorious tomorrow when major projects are planned together from scratch." He believes passionately that this change must be accomplished, but if US scientists try to move too quickly, the conservatives will block everything.

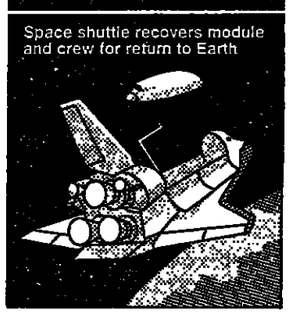
The year 2007 has been identified as an exceptionally favourable year for a manned Mars expedition, but the Russians may have a surprise in store. With so much hardware already developed, they could stage a Mars fly-by mission as early as 1994.

MARS MISSION

- Main boosters blast the spacecraft out of Earth orbit en route for Mars.
- Nine months later the craft is turned round and the main engines fired again to slow down into Mars orbit.
- Landing-and-return module is detached. Crew fires the retro-rockets and module lands on Mars using parachutes.
- The tiny ascent capsule returns the crew to the mother craft. Ascent capsule is discarded.
- After a few months in Mars orbit, the main engines blast the spacecraft out of orbit and en route for home.
- As Earth approaches, the aerobraking module is moved to a docking port. *(Top right)*
- The crew transfers to the module for the return to Earth.
- The aerobraking module skips repeatedly into the Earth's atmosphere, transferring into a circular low orbit.
- The module is gathered by the space shuttle and docks inside the shuttle cargo bay. The crew transfers for return to Earth inside the shuttle cabin. *(Below right)*

RETURNING TO EARTH





MARS MISSION

- The main boosters blast the spacecraft out of Earth orbit and en route for Mars. The empty first stage rocket is discarded.
- After nine months the spacecraft is turned round and the second-stage rockets slow the craft down into Mars orbit. The second stage is discarded.
- The landing crew transfers to the Mars landing-and-return module which detaches from the mother craft. It turns round so that it can dock and leave behind the Soyuz capsule before its descent. The Soyuz capsule is moved to a side docking port.
- The module's retro-rockets are fired and the crew lands on the Martian surface.
- After a few days, the crew returns to the mother craft leaving part of the module behind. The remainder is discarded and the Soyuz capsule moved back to the central docking port.
- After a few months in Mars orbit, the third rocket stage blasts the spacecraft towards home.
- Nine months later, as the Earth approaches, the crew transfers to the Soyuz capsule for the fiery 27,000 mph re-entry.

COUNTDOWN

1988: July 7 and 12, two Soviet Phobos probes launched to survey Mars and its moon Phobos.

1992: US Mars Observer spacecraft launched to survey Mars for landing un-manned Martian rover vehicles and to release atmospheric balloons.

1992: Two Soviet remote sensing radar survey craft launched to study the form and nature of the Martian surface and to release atmospheric balloons.

1994: Two Soviet Mars surface landers launched to deliver sophisticated ground stations and Mars buggies. These will be akin to Lunokhod which wandered across the Moon 20 years ago, but the Martian vehicles will have fuel to travel hundreds of miles.

1994: Earliest date for possible manned Mars fly-by expedition.

1998: US Mars Planetary Rover launched to drive across the planet gathering geological specimens.

1998: Two "huge Soviet space stations" launched into Mars orbit. There they will land "big self-propelled platforms" capable of driving hundreds of kilometres, gathering rock and soil samples. The samples will then be launched into Mars orbit and despatched back to Earth.

2000-2004: Excellent opportunities for manned Mars fly-by missions. These would allow a thorough testing of the deep-space Mir station and its Kvant-style stores module before attempting a landing.

2007: The prime opportunity for a manned landing on Mars. The Earth and Mars will be at their closest for many years and the transfer rockets will be able to deliver an exceptionally large payload into Mars orbit. This is too good an opportunity to miss.

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ROUND EIGHTEEN — QUESTIONS

Try all the questions — remember it's the top scores that count

1 MISCELLANEOUS Score 19

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2 VERBAL Score 16

The following groups of letters can be rearranged into names which all have a connection. However, one of the names does not fit in the group exactly. Can you tell which is the most obvious odd one out? You must do a bit of thinking about the names. No more clues!

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3 LOGIC Score 17

In a zoo there were 51 lions, 10 oxen and 100 cats. Obviously the numbers have something to do with the names. Find out what this is and tell us how many monkeys there were.

4 MATHS Score 18

A skier is skiing up a slope. Don't ask why. He covers the first stage of 10 miles at a speed of 8 miles per hour. The next 15 miles at 6 miles per hour, the next 20 miles at 8 miles per hour and the final stage of 25 miles at 6 miles per hour. He slides back, however, on the second stage at 4 miles per hour. Over the other three stages his slide back speed is the same for each stage. If the total journey takes him 18 hours and 45 minutes, what was his slide back speed for the first, third and fourth stages?

5 GENERAL KNOWLEDGE Score 3, 3, 4, 4, 4

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2 What is pumpernickel?

3. Who wrote *Praise of Folly* in 1509?

4. In which direction is Arabic read?

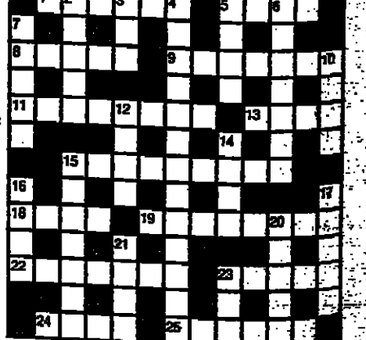
5. What speed did the Advanced Passenger Train achieve when it set a UK record in 1975?

ROUND 18 — ANSWERS

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TIMES DIARY

CLEMENT FREUD

I have a letter from my accountant informing me that the nice girl who does the VAT returns is now "charged out" at £23.75 an hour. The man who redistributes dirt on our windows gets £15, and two seats in the stalls for *South Pacific* cost £40, which is about the amount of our monthly newsagent's bill, now we have eschewed glossy magazines.

I also have a letter from Wilton Park in Sussex: "I write to invite you to speak at our conference . . . we envisage a heavy Swiss contingent with participants from foreign embassies . . . we are able to pay first class travel and a speaker's fee of . . ." Well, before tax it was exactly what I paid to have one tooth extracted last month; after tax, enough to pay for two teetotal luncheons in the West End.

At the bottom of the letter was printed: "Wilton Park is largely financed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office." If they had written "please will you come for free?" I'd have gone and the place could have been entirely financed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Today there are few corners of foreign fields that do not have a British-trained sniffer dog helping the local police to locate drugs. At last week's drugs seminar in Barbados it was clear that here was an area in which Britain leads the world: our sniffer dogs are best, most in demand, have carved for themselves a small but significant corner of the export market, and are an acceptable component part of the brain drain.

Sadly, unlike their fellow-nationals, British-trained dogs do not find the climate conducive to work and they can sniff only in short spells, after which they need a break and retraining. Dogs and mad Englishmen out in the midday sun.

I have been out and about a bit this week — dinners in Chester ("Chef says you're right, it was dishwater and he's sorry"), luncheons in London and Liverpool, tea in Brighton — and when people talked to me about politics, as people do when they connect a face with an occupation, the question is not "who will lead the Social and Liberal Democrats?", about which I have a whole lot to say, but "who is going to succeed Mrs Thatcher?".

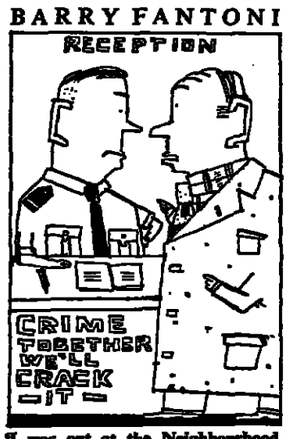
The fact that no name springs forward is symptomatic of the lady's style of government. Unlike in the United States, here in Britain the more a name is advanced the greater umbrage is taken in Downing Street and the lesser become the chances of the named person's elevation . . . which is why there has been so much insider-rooting for Norman Tebbit.

The United Kingdom greetings cards industry has shifted 30 million items, our chocolate manufacturers are beaming all the way across their soft centres, and the tonnage of flowers wrapped and given was sufficient to ring alarm bells in asthma wards across the land. Yesterday was Mothering Sunday and to the old question "went the day well?" the answer is an emphatic "yes".

In Charing Cross Road there is a public relations agency earning serious money promoting an alternative. It argues that the beneficiaries of such largesse are unnecessarily restricted in number and is plugging National Aunts Day. There are more aunts than mothers, aunts are lonelier, often richer, usually more grateful . . . and for facility of marketing, "Give An Aunt a Plant" outperforms such slogans as "Surprise your Mother by bringing her to Happy Eaters on Mother's Day". Mine would be amazed.

The agency additionally argues that the successful present demands not only smart wrapping paper that hides the contents, but that the identity of the donor should not be instantly apparent — witness the success of Valentine's Day.

BARRY FANTONI



'I was out at the Neighbourhood Watch meeting and someone ransacked my flat'

The National Hunt Festival begins tomorrow: unless you happen to live in Prestbury, near Cheltenham — which must be very inconvenient at other times of the year — this is the most godawful racetrack to reach in England. Even the railway thought better of it and closed the station some years ago.

The alternative to leaving home at dawn and spending only a few hours in the traffic jam is to stay in and watch on television . . . or go to a betting shop where they have installed satellite coverage: you see it all, and the dogs too — six of them running after an unconvincing-looking hare at locations in the United Kingdom many of us do not believe exist.

By spending the afternoon in these Inns of the Ultimate Unhappiness, you miss little — except work. The atmosphere is Cheltenhamesque in human density, inability to get to the business end of a queue, and extrovert behaviour by the punters. The main difference is the absence of Irish clergy.

Cheltenham is one of the hardest meetings at which to make money; if you must have a bet remember that the money you win on trap five at Monmore greyhounds or wherever is just as good as the stuff they pay out for supporting the horse that lifts the Gold Cup. Apropos of the latter, Osric, each way, just might be a sound investment.

John Hoskyns finds a muddy sort of morality applies in Budgets

Our feudal fear of low tax

When I put the Institute of Directors' arguments for a low-tax regime on this page in February 1985, and for a single proportional rate of income tax in October 1986, the prevailing orthodoxy was still that we should "use the money to cut unemployment" or to rebuild Britain's sewers. Today, no one argues for higher taxes, and other voices are even starting to call for a proportional system. But many people still think that tax cuts are irresponsible "give-aways" rather than investments.

Low taxes are important for economic growth. That has long been the view of the World Bank, the IMF and the OECD. Yet we still read that: "There is little evidence either to support or refute the view that lowering tax rates would improve economic performance." There certainly is evidence — economic growth, rising productivity and falling unemployment, the entrepreneurial revolution and buoyant tax revenues — but the effects of deregulation and tax reduction are still not fully understood. Some commentators seem to have a mental picture of British business which is at least 10 years out of date. Much of the comment about the trade figures ignores the fact that imports include part-manufactures and capital goods, reflecting high output and increased investment by business.

Many observers make another error. They assume there are penalties for being too bold in Budget-making, but not for being too cautious. And of course, for the reputation of the commentator, that will almost certainly be true. That is why virtually all advice, to all Chancellors, for all Budgets, urges caution, as if there were never opportunities to be grasped, only dangers to be avoided.

Some of this caution may stem from squeamishness about the redistributive effects of tax reduction. After 40 years of high and steeply progressive tax rates we have come to regard tax as a valid intrument of income distribution. But the redistributive argument for the higher rates of tax is a mirage.

There are some 21 million income-tax payers (single adults or households) in the UK. Of those, nearly 20 million pay tax only at the basic rate. About 1.2 million pay the higher rates. This year these higher rates will contribute only £2.5 billion of a total income tax yield of over £40 billion — just £119 in a year for each UK taxpayer. Virtually the whole apparatus of loophole-closing legislation and the tax-avoidance industry exist because of these higher taxes. The basic proportional rate, in which a person's tax increases in line with his income, already does the lion's share of redistribution.

Despite all this, it is argued that a proportional system would be politically unacceptable. But, as the numbers show, we already have one. It is called the basic rate of tax, at present 27p in the pound. It is modestly progressive because of the personal allowances. It covers 95 per cent of UK taxpayers, ranging from single people on £47 a week, about a quarter the average wage, to those on £21,000 or more (depending on allowances), roughly twice the average wage. Someone at the top of that band thus earns at least eight times as much as someone at the bottom — and pays well over eight times as much tax.

It would not be difficult to sweep away the nonsense of higher rate taxes, and I have little doubt that one day we will do so. But the feeling that it would somehow be immoral to do so runs very deep and is the consequence of a static, rather than a dynamic, picture of the economic process. The language of the current debate reveals this almost feudal assumption.

Comments that tax reduction "would only benefit the better off" or would be a "give-away to the rich" imply a society in which everyone is born to his or her appointed station in life. It is as if incomes were gifts of unfairly differing value, which the Government must adjust on grounds of equity. Commentators seem almost to forget that it is the individual who must first earn what is then taxed.

As so often in this country, we seem unable to decide what it is we're trying to do. We apparently favour a dynamic economy with increasingly flexible work patterns, offering the maximum opportunity to all. Yet the debate about tax reduction refers only to those who are already well-off, or to those "at the bottom of the pile". Those in the middle, from whom tomorrow's dynamism must come, are scarcely mentioned. Indeed, we tell them they will be taxed up to twice as heavily if too successful. Are we *trying* to discourage people from making their work more valuable? If so, why don't we reintroduce penal top tax rates and have done with it?

There is a real reason for our ambivalence, of course. "The rich", if such a category can be said to start at £21,000 a year, *do* already exist. Any tax reduction *does* make them disproportionately richer (simply because they pay such disproportionate taxes) with no further effort. Some will have worked for their riches, others will not. Does it matter that a proportional system would make them richer still? Provided that others, less well off, are thereby encouraged and motivated so that all eventually benefit from a more vigorous economy, would anyone care? I suspect that a few thousand people, mainly in central London, would worry terribly for a few weeks. The rest of the country wouldn't give a damn.

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Bernard Levin

Inside the pussy cat's parlour

The final paragraph of Solzhenitsyn's *The First Circle* records the complacent impression of a French journalist in Moscow when he sees a bread van go past him in the street; he records in his notebook a comment to the effect that the distribution of food is in good and efficient hands. The van, however, so clearly labelled "Bread", is in fact full of prisoners on the first stage of their journey to the Gulag, and the irony symbolizes the folly, and worse than folly, of all the thousands — by now it must be hundreds of thousands — who, frequently even without any ill intent, have gone to the Soviet Union and other totalitarian states, and there written down in their notebooks whatever they were told, and believed it, and repeated it when they got home, though they had absolutely no means of knowing whether it was true or not. If they had heard the same claims from an official in South Africa, they would undoubtedly (and rightly) have treated them with a good deal of scepticism. But when the Moscow van says "Bread", into their notebooks goes a favourable comment about food distribution.

Some of my readers may recall the BBC television series from the Soviet Union called *Comrades*. I took issue with it rather severely, I recall; the producer, Mr Richard Denton, had simply filmed what he saw as though it was reality, whereas he would never have believed that a Wild West street built in Hollywood for a film was any more than a series of facades. And facades is the right word, because the famous "Potemkin Villages" that so impressed visitors to Tsarist Russia were indeed no more than that, and the innocent guests drove past them in their carriages quite persuaded that there was a whole house where there was nothing but a theatrical design. But what "my useful idiots" (the phrase is attributed to Lenin) will never learn is that the whole of the Soviet Union is one giant Potemkin Village, and in addition that there are enormous numbers of officials whose job — for which they are carefully and assiduously trained — is to persuade the visitors that the village is real and the van is full of bread.

The behaviour of the adult "useful idiots" on their own behalf is bad enough; but what can be said without profanity when children, who really cannot be expected to know better, are sent to Potemkinland, bringing back favourable impressions and never suspecting that their own openness and spontaneity are being reciprocated by well-rehearsed responses according to a carefully-shaped script?

That is what has happened to a group of British schoolgirls from Kent, who have just come back from an exchange visit to the Soviet Union; the Soviet girls will be arriving in Britain in July. The British girls had a wonderful time, and, as was reported in *The Times*, found that "all their preconceptions were overturned", and that "the Soviet Union was not the gloomy, forbidding place they had imagined".

"My overall impression," said the girl whose account of the visit was given in *The Times*, "is that the Russian people are friendly and very generous." They are indeed, young lady, and I am not surprised that they took you to their hearts, nor that you responded with all the honesty and gratitude of your youth. Much the same happened to the *Daily Mail's* girl on the tour: ". . . I found friends . . . I don't think I have ever experienced such genuine kindness, or so many hugs and kisses . . ."



I don't doubt that either. And who am I to spit in the loving cup, or to offer disillusion to innocence by telling the schoolgirls that the families they were billeted on were by no means ordinary or average, let alone picked at random, and that long before the British girls arrived, their hosts had been carefully rehearsed by the appropriate Comrade Potemkin, who would also have inspected the premises to ensure that they exhibited the proper level of simple comfort.

Let the girls dream; but as they are nodding off, let me introduce them to a man who would have liked nothing better than to be billeted on a comfortable and warm-hearted family in his native country — a man, indeed, who has been offered just such hospitality by just such Soviet hosts, but is not permitted to accept it. He is Vasili Shipilov, and before I recount some of the details of his strange life I shall give one tiny detail, specially directed to those young ladies who were so kindly and generously entertained in the Soviet Union, and who responded like the polite and thoughtful visitors they are. I do not know, of course, to what religion, if any, they adhere; may I assume, for the purpose of what follows, that they come of Christian homes? Actually, it doesn't matter if they are Buddhists or Jews or nothing at all, though the Christian ones among them are likely to get a slightly worse shock at what I am about to reveal. Remember that these girls have had all their preconceptions about the Soviet Union "overturned", and — even more important — have discovered that "the Soviet Union is not the gloomy, forbidding place they had imagined".

Only, you see, it is a most frightfully gloomy and forbidding place for Vasili Shipilov, *who is regularly beaten, to the extent of a fractured skull, solely for crossing himself in the course of his Christian devotions.*

Vasili Shipilov is entitled to call himself the Father of the Gulag. He has been in concentration camps, prisons and penal psychiatric hospitals since he was 17 years old; he is now 65. (He had one year of freedom, in 1949-50.) His family was deported to Siberia in the 1920s and set to forced labour on a collective farm which formed part of the Gulag. His father was killed when he tried to get out in search of food for the family; his mother starved to death. Vasili became a Christian; he was arrested and imprisoned. In prison, he became a priest, ordained by fellow-prisoners who were already ministers. For baptising other prisoners who sought to be received into the Church, he was sentenced to another 25 years on top of the sentence he was already serving. After his brief release in an amnesty, he was re-arrested and imprisoned, for trying to bring food (berries he collected in the forest) to those still in the camp he had been released from, and for his religious ministrations. Soon, he was sentenced to incarceration in various Soviet madhouses-for-the-sane. In one of them, he was told: "If you don't give up your faith you will stay here, unless they kill you." One of the "doctors" told him: "No one knows about you. No one will ever find you." He was tortured with drugs, including doses of insulin that led to coma; his skull fracture led to epilepsy. He remains steadfast in his faith, including in his prayers his jailers and torturers. As I said, there is a home waiting for him outside the walls; for that matter there is a home waiting for *him* in the West.

The Reverend Richard Rodgers has shut himself up voluntarily in a makeshift cage at St Martins in the Fields in London; the cage is as close to a replica of one of Vasili's cells as he can get. He did the same for Irina Ratushinskaya, the poet, a year or two ago, and again for Alexander Ogorodnikov, yet another Soviet Christian martyr; the daft bugger seems to take his religion seriously. He has shaved his head, and proposes to keep a vigil for Vasili for 46 days, one fewer than the 47 years of Vasili's *via crucis*; he will live on bread and water throughout. You can talk to him directly if you like; he has a phone in his cage, and the number is 01-930-1538. Perhaps — they seem thoughtful enough to do it — some of the girls who went on the trip to the Soviet Union might like to speak to him.

Of course, it would be a pity to make them feel sad at the realization that some of their preconceptions should not have been overturned quite so readily; but, after all, no blame attaches to them. All they were doing was responding gracefully to the kindness they were shown. The fact that it was to a large extent a false kindness should not alter their gratitude for it, any more than the fate of Vasili Shipilov should. But once, not many years ago, they believed in Father Christmas. They lost a part of their innocence when they discovered the truth about the presents in their Christmas stockings, but they gained a greater measure of maturity and understanding when they did so. Perhaps it is time for them to lose a little more of their innocence, and gain yet more adult wisdom. Vasili Shipilov, come to think of it, lost his innocence about the Soviet Union at much the same age as the girls are now.

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Commentary • ROBIN OAKLEY

Inner-city bypass

The repackaging of inner-city policies — despite all the hype, we have been offered no more — virtually excluded local authorities from the process. They were not even mentioned at the seven-minister launch.

The Government's chosen partner in the struggle to revitalize inner cities is private industry. The new City Grant will be provided entirely by central government, bypassing local authorities. The managed workshops programme will be run, via English Estates, by central government. The engine of the new initiative is the Urban Development Corporation, condemned by Labour as a colonialist entity ignoring local representatives and voluntary groups.

If there has been a question mark over the commitment of some inner-city Labour councils to revitalizing their areas for fear that prosperity might turn them Tory, there is an ever bigger question mark over whether the Government's battle is against inner-city dereliction or against those Labour councils.

Mrs Thatcher's ringing declaration on election night that there was work to be done in the inner cities may have had as much to do with the paucity of Tory seats won there as with any new degree of social concern.

It is hard to escape the conclusion that this is a government with an active dislike of local government, largely because it is used to having its own way and local authorities have proved a major impediment. You could not mistake the lip-curling relish with which Nicholas Ridley last week announced how he was looking forward to merchant bankers taking over "the council house toilet fixtures, the town hall or whatever" when loan deals went wrong.

The essential struggle has been to win Whitehall control of local government expenditure, which has upset the Chancellor's sums. The proportion funded by central government has been cut from 61 per cent to 46 per cent. Eons of parliamentary time have been expended on block grants, expenditure targets and penalties, rate capping and the abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan authorities, while every year the Government has had to revise its sums as councils spent more than it had intended.

Lord Cledwyn, the wise old bird who so effectively heads Labour's team in the Lords, has pointed out that there have been 46 local government Acts in the past nine years, involving 2,730 pages of legislation. The present Local Government Finance Bill alone gave ministers the decision in 344 different cases.

Local government finance did need recasting. As Kenneth Baker said in 1985: "It is a maze surrounded by a marsh shrouded in fog." There is a strong case, for example, for forced competitive tendering on council contracts. The propaganda-on-the-rates excesses of some left-controlled councils had to be tackled. Nicholas Ridley probably had to step in last week and ban the creative accounting of high spending councils, building up huge debts by selling off their town halls and parking meters to foreign banks for leaseback.

But such deals are uncomfortably close in some aspects to the Government's own privatization programme. And its advertising budget, which has curbed council progaganda, has increased by almost 300 per cent since 1979, in some cases straying over the line between legitimate public information and making a political case for the government party. Should not that be curbed too?

The local government legislation has centralized power in Whitehall to a degree few Tories would have contemplated in 1978. Surprisingly it has happened with scarcely a cheep of protest from Tory MPs, many of whom cut their political teeth in local government and who know that the excesses of left-wing councils have never involved more than a small minority.

The Tory party should note, then, the warning from the perceptive Leon Brittan on Friday. Arguing ultimately for the accountability which will, it is hoped, be stiffened by the community charge, Mr Brittan said that the Government need not apologise for bypassing local authorities on the inner cities. With a booming economy it was time to make industry the essential partner. But ministers should make it clear that they were doing that bypassing "with no relish and purely on a temporary basis". It must not become a habit.

If the revival of the cities is to work and last it must ultimately reflect the wishes of those living there and "those wishes can only be adequately expressed by democratically elected and responsible local government". How remarkable that a Tory government should need that warning, and need it so badly.

SCIENCE REPORT

Pushing it a bit

San Diego

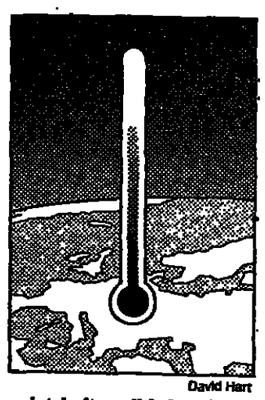
Life on Earth survives not merely by adapting to the changing environment, but by subtly influencing the environment to maintain stable conditions. That is the essence of the Gaia hypothesis, an idea debated here this week at a meeting called by the American Geophysical Union.

The hypothesis (Gaia is the classical goddess embodying the notion of the living Earth) has been lurking on the edges of conventional science since it was advanced 20 years ago by the British scientist James Lovelock, who vigorously defended his position in an opening talk at the meeting.

One of the original objectives of the hypothesis was to explain why the surface of the Earth is more accommodating to living things than the surfaces of Mars and Venus, the most nearly comparable planets of the Solar System.

On the conventional view of evolutionary biology, gradual climatic changes help to fix random adaptations into living forms, allowing new species to emerge that are better able to cope with changed conditions. On this view, life is at the mercy of external change.

On the Gaia hypothesis, organisms either singly or collectively can influence the environment, mitigating the effects of climatic change and prolonging the existence of the species. Lovelock says the Earth is a "superorganism" acting in a concerted fashion to maintain its well-being. Hitherto, the hypothesis has had little scientific influence because nobody had been able to suggest a way of testing it. But in April last year, Lovelock and his colleagues proposed just such a mechanism, which is one of the reasons the meeting here was called.



David Hart

Writing in *Nature*, Lovelock and his colleagues noted then that certain species of plankton in the oceans generate a gas called dimethyl sulphide which, in the high atmosphere, is converted to small particles of sulphate which act as seeds for the condensation of water vapour into droplets, thus forming clouds.

Remarkably, it seems that cloud formation over the oceans depends more than anything else on the presence of sulphate seeds, with the result that cloudiness above the oceans is linked directly to the abundance of plankton species, which are only a tiny fraction of the living material in the oceans.

The link to global climate arises because more cloud cover means that the Earth reflects more sunlight and so absorbs less heat. More plankton in the oceans means that the surface of the Earth is cooler than would otherwise be the case.

Unfortunately for supporters of the Gaia hypothesis, that is not enough to show that the Earth's climate will be stabilized by the influence of plankton. They also have to demonstrate that global cooling will affect the plankton population.

The simplest possibility is that lower temperatures would make the plankton grow more slowly, reducing the rate of cloud formation. Despite the efforts of Lovelock and his collaborators, this part of the link has not been established.

That is why the Gaia hypothesis remains in limbo after a week's concentrated discussion. And even if particular mechanisms, such as the link between surface temperature and plankton abundance are proved, that will not persuade sceptics of the larger claims of the Gaia hypothesis — that there are self-regulating mechanisms for the entire Earth.

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THE CASE FOR REFORM

Tomorrow's Budget will be judged by the degree to which it is cautious with the big numbers and daring with the little ones. The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, has the best opportunity for many years to make Britain's tax system both fairer and more efficient. But his first priority must remain what it has been since Mrs Thatcher took office: to keep up the fight against inflation.

If Mr Lawson wants to prevent prices from rising too fast, he should not be too free in returning the increasing sums he has been extracting from the taxpayer. In spite of the slump in share prices, the economy is still growing rapidly. House prices are starting to accelerate again, retail sales are buoyant, pay settlements are rising, bank lending is at record levels and the most recent trade figures were the worst in Britain's history. The economy can probably grow at a faster rate than before, because productivity has been improving and recent surveys show little sign of shortages of skilled labour. But a Chancellor who ignored the present combination of warning signs, would be foolhardy.

Confidence in the Government's strategy for tackling inflation has not been enhanced by the divergent messages issuing from Numbers 10 and 11 Downing Street over the past few days. In some ways this is paradoxical. After all, allowing sterling to float upwards on foreign exchange markets, tightens counter-inflation policy and should therefore help to convince markets that the Government is serious about bringing inflation down further.

The trouble is that there are now so few certainties in the Government's monetary policy that letting go of the most important one there was — namely the exchange rate band against the German mark — is bound to leave markets asking whether the anchor to monetary policy has been hauled up. Mr Lawson has emphasized that he is still intent on preserving a stable exchange rate, even if the definition of stability may need to be adjusted from time to time. But Mrs Thatcher has pointedly not referred to the need for a stable pound, and seems to prefer a more discretionary policy. Mr Lawson will need to clarify matters in the Budget by re-stating his strategy. This is a particularly inappropriate time for the Government to risk uncertainty about its commitment to fighting inflation.

Monetary steadiness should be buttressed by a cautious approach to fiscal policy — though it is not easy to be sure what constitutes "caution." When the Government first invented the medium-term financial strategy, fiscal decisions were supposed to move on to auto-pilot. A decline in the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) was planned for a number of years ahead and the Budget judgement consisted simply of reading off the number which had been previously set. Next year, this would imply a PSBR of about £4 billion. But, with the public accounts in the current year likely to be in surplus, this would look like a substantial easing of policy, justifiable only in the context of a sharp slowdown in growth. Of that there is little sign.

The Chancellor would be prudent, therefore, to depart from his newly formulated rule that the PSBR should be about one per cent of national income, and err on the side of caution. Revenue is at present so high that a balanced Budget (the first since Mr Roy Jenkins' Budget of 1969) or a Budget surplus, would still leave scope for tax cuts of several billion pounds.

While caution will be measured in billions of pounds, radicalism will be measured in pence. The centrepiece of Mr Lawson's Budget should be a thorough reform of personal taxation, bringing down the rate of pence in the pound payable on income at all levels. By far the biggest "step" in the tax system occurs at the bottom — where earners jump from zero to 27 per cent, and most of the Chancellor's available funds should be applied to reducing that. He should also cut the higher rates which are now being paid by nearly 1.2 million people — more than at any time in the past, except during 1975-77.

There is no shortage of other targets for him to shoot at. The tax regime applicable to savings is an illogical mixture of reliefs and double taxation. Indirect taxation covers only half of consumer spending. Mortgage interest relief supercharges the acceleration in house prices. The dual system of income tax and national insurance contributions produces extraordinary variations in effective marginal rates of tax up the income scale. And the taxation of husband and wife is still firmly rooted in the 19th Century — one Victorian value which has emphatically outlived its usefulness.

Mr Lawson can hardly be expected to hit every target in a single Budget. Budgets must achieve political coherence as well as economic and fiscal logic. Several areas where logic would dictate a move, have been ruled out by electoral pledges.

Nevertheless, there will not be a better chance for radical change. The Government has a fresh mandate and four more years before it need face the electorate again. There is enough money to oil the process, even if the Budget is balanced. With the political climate worldwide now favouring reform, the Chancellor should seize his opportunity.

A BALKAN DIALOGUE

Mikhail Gorbachov today becomes the first Soviet leader to visit Yugoslavia since Mr Brezhnev attended Marshal Tito's funeral eight years ago. Much has happened in both countries since then and this week's visit, long under negotiation, will be overshadowed by these developments as well as by the alliances and quarrels of less recent history.

The Soviet leader may be relieved to find a country which seems to be experiencing difficulties even more acute than those in the Soviet Union. He will be introduced to a land in which regional loyalties are stronger than national ones. He will hear of the intractable problems posed by the southern province of Kosovo, where the Turkish and Muslim traditions of ethnic Albanians confront the Orthodox Christian traditions of the Serbs.

He will witness the gap in living standards between the prosperous north, which looks as much towards Austria as towards Belgrade, and the underdeveloped south. He will learn of the industrial unrest that has bedevilled Yugoslav factories, as an inflation rate of nearly 100 per cent has reduced real wages. He may also be apprised of the effects of the managerial vacuum produced by the country's unwieldy self-management system.

If he inquires into the complexities of Yugoslavia's political system, he will be introduced to the concept of rotational leadership. He will hear complaints about the inconsistencies in policy-making which this has brought and about the lack of direction in foreign policy which has eroded Yugoslavia's international influence.

Any respite Mr Gorbachov enjoys from his own domestic problems however, is likely to be shortlived. The Soviet leader could well conclude on reflection that Yugoslavia today presents, in an extreme form, some of the less desirable results of the policies he is advancing at home. The Soviet reform programme, taken to its logical conclusion, could bring similar adversity in its wake.

The limited relaxation of controls has already been accompanied by nationalist unrest. Economic decentralization, which gives factory directors more autonomy, is already causing resentment among workers who lose pay. Supply bottlenecks have not been eliminated. If state subsidies are tackled, the present — largely hidden — inflation will soar. Moreover, the questions of power and responsibility raised by Yugoslavia's rotation system will be cited by some as evidence that "democratizing" the Communist Party and government will not work.

Yet the situation in Yugoslavia is probably not as bleak as is often depicted. It remains more prosperous and more economically dynamic than the Soviet Union. Its expulsion from the Cominform by Stalin — the 40th anniversary of which falls later this year — has enabled it to avoid the residue of Stalinism which still retards Soviet development.

Despite its partial eclipse in recent years, Yugoslavia also enjoys goodwill abroad. As the recent Balkan Conference showed, it is beginning to carve out a regional role which is more appropriate now than the world role Tito cultivated in the Non-Aligned Movement. The slow re-entry of Albania into the region's life could eventually help Yugoslavia, if it means that Kosovo gradually ceases to be a pawn in the regional power game.

What Yugoslavia must ascertain from Mr Gorbachov is whether his intentions are honourable. Since 1948, Yugoslavia has enjoyed a difficult independence, and has always suspected the Kremlin of harbouring the ambition to draw it back into the Soviet world. Previous Soviet leaders have been suspected of trying to exploit Yugoslavia's economic problems to that end. They may also have given succour to Yugoslavia's covert Stalinists — whose yearning for central control is strengthened by the prevailing disunity. Within the Warsaw Pact, Mr Gorbachov has raised hopes that Moscow may interfere less in future. If he wants better relations with the West and with today's Yugoslavia, he must convince them of that in Belgrade.

Flow Country fears

From Professor H. J. B. Birks and others

Sir, The Secretary of State for Scotland announced at the end of January that, while the UK Government accepted the international importance of the Flow Country, and thereby the case for conservation measures, it also supported the continuation of afforestation, on the basis of an equal share of the remaining unplanted area to the two opposed interests.

This 50:50 allocation referred to evidence that the area as a whole was not of uniform importance to nature conservation. In our opinion, such a view manifestly fails either to understand or to accept the overriding case that the remaining area as a whole merits listing under the World Heritage Convention as a natural property of outstanding universal value.

The area is characterised by sweeping vistas of open landscapes dominated by naturally treeless blanket bog, interspersed with lakes and rivers of various sizes. The integrity of such ecosystems and landscapes as a whole must be maintained. Any further afforestation of these peatlands will be a diminution of this value.

While we would not wish to criticise the domestic economic policy of the UK Government, we feel justified in pressing the case for conservation of the whole remaining area of the Flow Country, in the light of two considerations.

First, we know that the Government's own financial scrutineer, the National Audit Office, has found that new afforestation in the far north of Scotland fails by a wide margin to meet the normal criteria for public sector investment. Secondly, there is a strong body of opinion in Britain which believes that the objective of local economic need and employment could be met as effectively, if not more so, by deployment of the same public funds into other channels.

We therefore urge that immediate consideration be given to the international scientific importance of the *whole* area and that the whole area be proposed for protection under the status of the World Heritage Convention and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance.

Yours faithfully,
H. J. B. BIRKS
(University of Bergen),
BENT AABY
(Geological Survey of Denmark),
KLAUS DIERSSEN
(University of Kiel),
DAVID K. FERGUSON
(University of Antwerp),
C. R. JANSSEN
(University of Utrecht),
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tourist's view of Soviet marches

From Mr David L. Williams

Sir, Your Moscow Correspondent writes (article, March 11) of "the ethnic violence in Armenia and Azerbaijan".

I was in Baku Azerbaijan in the early part of the week commencing February 22 and in Yerevan, Armenia, from the Wednesday until the Friday. I saw nothing of any problems in Baku, but in Yerevan saw all of the demonstrations and marches over the three days.

These were totally and absolutely peaceful. My wife and I, who were on holiday, walked among the crowds and took photographs, which were welcomed and encouraged by them. We have felt more threatened and more at risk in a Rugby crowd at Cardiff Arms Park.

On our travels out of town we saw whole villages marching up to 20 miles to join in the demonstrations. In some of the suburbs we saw workers assembling at their factories and move off to join in. The traffic police guided and assisted the marchers to reach their destination - the Yerevan Opera House. Here they were addressed by writers, academics, village elders, all of whom were listened to with close attention, although from either booing or cheering one could tell that not all were saying what the crowd wished to hear.

But at no time was there any violence, hooliganism, drunkenness or misbehaviour. By the end of the week I estimated the crowd at the Opera House to be over half a million, with a further half-million marching to or from it, or using the opportunity to look at their capital city.

It was the peaceful nature of their demonstration that makes the political problem more difficult for Mr Gorbachov - it is much easier to act against violence than against peaceful reason.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID L. WILLIAMS,
Rose Revived,
Llantrithyd,
Cowbridge, South Glamorgan.
March 11.

Moscow tightrope

From Mr Anthony Barnett

Sir, In his article on Mr Gorbachev's reforms (March 8), Ben Pimlott argues that their success could transform politics over here. He is kind enough to refer to my book, *Soviet Freedom*, which argues along these lines. But I do not claim that *glasnost* and *perestroika* are irreversible, as he suggests.

On the contrary, the General Secretary may well be defeated. But if he is, I argue that the Soviet system cannot revert to the familiar bureaucracy. The forces of modernization, from computer-based science to rock and roll, are — one way or another — irresistible. Mr Gorbachov has perhaps seen this better than many of his colleagues, who may well hesitate now they are faced with the consequences of his programme.

It would be foolish, therefore, to predict this inevitable success. But if reform is frustrated, the outcome could well be awesome in a way that would also affect political life in the West.

Yours,
ANTHONY BARNETT,
14A Goodwin's Court, WC2.
March 8.

Sports injuries

From Mr Harold Goodwin

Sir, Mrs Pringle (March 9) claims that sports injuries, being largely self-inflicted, are cluttering up the NHS, to the disadvantage of other patients awaiting treatment. He suggests that compulsory medical insurance should be introduced for sportsmen and women.

However, much physical fitness is derived from playing sport, which means that in the long term most participants require less treatment from the NHS.

Furthermore, how do we define self-inflicted and where would it all end? Would it include the chap falling off his ladder whilst decorating?

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD GOODWIN,
Fair Meadow, Broxmead Lane,
Cuckfield, Sussex.

Calling child witnesses to account

From Dr Robin Moffat

Sir, The Chairman of ChildLine (March 2) rightly draws attention to some of the pitfalls in the use of videotaped recordings in child sexual abuse investigations. Miss Rantzen says a true account of evidence is most likely to be obtained when the alleged victim is seen in a joint professional interview "as soon as possible after the event".

Unfortunately, this seldom happens. Over 75 per cent of child victims are in the same family as, or are related to, the alleged abuser. Interviewers are often met with a denial by the victims because they are under threat from a parent, or the child feels intensely guilty about what has happened.

Forensic physicians and police surgeons meet the same problem when asked to examine these patients for clinical signs of abuse and for contact trace evidence. A delayed examination is even more disastrous than a delayed court action.

The Government are right to be cautious in their present approach to legislation during the run-up to the Butler-Sloss report. In June, 1986, Mr Justice Ewbank, in the course of wardship proceedings, expressed grave disquiet about the conclusions drawn from video-taped interviews and their evidential standing when there was a built-in preconception that sexual abuse was likely to have taken place.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
ROBIN MOFFAT
(Senior Forensic Medical Examiner, Metropolitan Police),
10 Harley Street, W1.
March 3.

From the Director of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Sir, The report (March 2) of a judge dismissing sexual offence charges because the two child witnesses could not testify on the Bible and their evidence could not be corroborated, even by each other, is the latest in a stream of similar incidents, which the NSPCC sought to rectify when it secured anamendment to the Criminal Law Amendment Bill of 1885. Over 100 years later one would hope that more progress could be made by suitable inclusions in the Criminal Justice Bill.

We support the points made by Esther Rantzen, particularly on the admissibility of video-taped recordings and the need for skilled child-care "interpreters" through whom defence lawyers can examine a young witness during the recording.

American experience suggests that many perpetrators admit their guilt when shown video-recordings which will be used in evidence: the child is spared the necessity of appearing in court. Of course, the status of these recordings will need to be regulated in law, but this need not be an insurmountable barrier.

Children seldom lie about sexual abuse, but in the often lengthy run-up to a trial they may come under pressure to change their evidence. It is far better that an interview with a child should be video-recorded while the incident is still fresh in a child's mind and that such a recording should be admissible as evidence.

We fervently hope that such provision will be introduced during the later stages of the Bill's passage.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN GILMOUR, Director,
National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children,
67 Saffron Hill, EC1.

From Mr Greg Knight, MP for Derby North (Conservative)

Sir, In her letter advocating the use of pre-recorded video interviews with child victims at court trials, Esther Rantzen writes of children being overwhelmed by the experience of cross-examination. Her letter is, however, ambiguous about whether under the scheme she favours the child would still be available for cross-examination.

But that is surely crucial to a judgement of whether widespread use of recordings would make things any easier for the children concerned. I doubt if it would. Like most of those who have contributed to the debates so far in Parliament, I believe it would be wrong to deny the accused the right to insist that the child appear in court to be cross-examined.

The more awful the alleged crime, the more important it is that such fundamental safeguards should be preserved. If Esther Rantzen accepts this, as I hope she does, it follows that the use of pre-recorded interviews becomes a less attractive proposition.

Yours faithfully,
GREG KNIGHT,
House of Commons.
March 3.

Housing gains

From Mr Tony Bovaird

Sir, The key test of the 1988 Budget will surely be the extent to which increased spending arising from tax cuts is directed into industrial and commercial investment rather than short-term consumption.

Such a strategy has continually failed in Britain, however, because the tax system has favoured one channel for the investment of household savings above all others — purchase of owner-occupied housing. The housing market is already reflecting the enormous reinforcement of this investment bias which will occur when the domestic rate is replaced by the community charge.

No doubt the Chancellor will be tempted to tinker with investment tax incentives and even with mortgage interest tax relief. However, a much greater rationalisation is required and circumstances may never be so favourable again.

The introduction of capital gains tax on owner-occupied housing, initially at a low rate (say, 10 per cent), would greatly increase the long-term efficiency of Britain's investment. General tax cuts would offset much of the undoubted unpopularity of this move. At the same time, a further redirection of investment could be achieved by a reduction of capital gains tax to 10 per cent on all assets for a period of three years.

Reforming Chancellors often need to do good by stealth, since radical proposals tend to disappear before they even reach the dispatch box. The arguments that such a change in housing taxation would restrain the cost of housing in the long-term and would also quickly yield substantial tax receipts might provide the political rationale for a change which is long overdue on fairness and economic efficiency grounds.

Yours sincerely,
TONY BOVAIRD,
Aston University,
Management Centre,
Aston Triangle,
Birmingham, West Midlands.
March 5.

Family courts

From the Chairman of Families Need Fathers

Sir, The laudable pleas of your correspondents (February 26 and March 2) for comprehensive conciliation services highlight the need to encourage separating couples to focus on their post-divorce parenting roles (which still go largely by default).

While the attitude of the Court of Appeal remains firmly wedded to the concept that the parent to whom care and control of the child is awarded may thereafter put self-interest before that of the children, there remains little incentive for the high number of recalcitrant parents who flout court orders allowing access, with impunity, to comply. Their negative actions are often exacerbated by the ignorance of a new step-parent (who, unwittingly, worsens his or herown problems in the process).

For how much longer are non-custodial parents to be treated as non-persons and their children's interests relegated below those of "reconstituted" families? If the courts are hidebound by precedent, how is progress to be made in an area yearning for fresh thinking?

Yours truly,
TREVOR BERRY, Chairman,
Families Need Fathers,
BM Families,
London, WC1N 3XX.

Somali situation

From the Chargé d'Affaires of the Somali Democratic Republic

Sir, Andrew Buckoke ("Tensions in Somalia: Barre plagued by warfare and debt", March 7) was part of the team who visited Somalia during the recent visit to Africa of the Princess Royal. The majority verdict of journalists during the visit was that the Princess Royal's visit to Somalia was not only the climax but the best part of her recent African tour.

It is strange that your correspondent does not even refer to such a successful visit. He seems to have isolated the situation in Somalia from the overall economic condition not only in Somalia, its neighbouring countries and the Third World, but even many other European countries. However, despite the world trade recession and its efforts to combat the effects of drought and other natural setbacks, Somalia is one of few countries commended for its efforts to better the lot of its people.

It is perhaps unfortunate that the correspondent did not have the opportunity to travel throughout Somalia for he would have witnessed the efforts and achievements of the Somali Government in the development of the country's meagre resources.

His gloomy concern for the future of Somalia has no justification if one is not familiar with the Somali character. The delegation of authority with its relevant safeguards provides the people with a stable government, which will continue to function in its adherence to the Somali constitution.

In conclusion, we look to the British press for fair coverage, and even if criticism is made, this should not be of a denigratory nature, but fair and unbiased.

ABDULLAHI DOOL MOHAMED,
Chargé d'Affaires,
The Embassy of the Somali Democratic Republic,
60 Portland Place, W1.
March 9.

From Mr Louis FitzGibbon

Sir, Mr Buckoke harps upon supposed tribal and clan differences and poses endless questions about what may happen when Mohamed Siad Barre is no longer President. This is just as irrelevant as, say, to wonder what happens in England when the monarchy passes to an heir.

Seldom stressed is the clemency shown by President Barre in not just pardoning convicted traitors, but in releasing them to their homes - a striking contrast to what happens in Addis.

This is the more pertinent in that this is the closing week of the United Nations 44th session of its Human Rights Commission sitting in Geneva, the agenda for which omits Ethiopia, causing surprise and indeed dismay to those who study the Horn of Africa. The shame is that there is no universal outcry at the omission.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

LOUIS FITZGIBBON,
Hon Secretary, The British Horn of Africa Council,
8 Portland Place,
Brighton, East Sussex.
March 8.

Holy bulls?

From Miss Madeleine Beard

Sir, Idly glancing through the 1985 concise edition of *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, I noticed that October 19, the day of the stock market crash, happened to be the feast day of the 17th century Martyrs of North America. Was this an omen?

Yours faithfully,
MADELEINE BEARD,
2 Clare Road, Cambridge.
March 10.

Effect of poll tax, ward to ward

From Sir Philip Goodhart, MP for Beckenham (Conservative)

Sir, An analysis of the impact of the community charge on my own constituency of Beckenham reinforces the report of my colleague Keith Hampson ("The bill according to Leeds", March 2) about the effect of the proposed changes in his own area.

In 1987-88 the 7,501 residents of Penge, a ward known for its social deprivation, made an average rate payment of £149. When the community charge is first introduced, the average payment by the residents of Penge will go up to £215, an increase of more than 40 per cent.

Because the community charge will be more difficult to collect than the rates, our treasurer estimates that the local community charge will, in fact, have to be at least £230 per person. That would push the average increase in Penge above 50 per cent.

In Shortlands, a prosperous ward nearby, the 7,840 residents made an average rate payment this year of £242. Their community charge will also be £215 a year, which means that there will be a nominal decrease in their bills from the town hall of 11 per cent. Much of this notional benefit will, however, disappear because of increased collection costs.

Meanwhile, in both Penge and Shortlands, local businesses face a 38 per cent increase in their rates bill — before revaluation — as a result of the introduction of the uniform business rates.

The Conservative election manifesto promised that the proposed community charge would be fairer than the rating system which it replaced. In my constituency it won't be.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP GOODHART,
House of Commons.
March 4.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 14 1817

The surrender of Napoleon to the British in 1815 and the return of his coffin to Paris in 1840 were noticed in "On This Day" on July 28 and December 18, 1986. This impression of his years in exile on St Helena is given by a member of his staff who became redundant

[NAPOLEON IN EXILE]

As introductory of BUONAPARTE'S letter, is a short account of his situation in the island, published by a confidential servant of his, who calls himself "Huissier du Cabinet de l'Empereur," or, Closet-Porter of the Emperor. This pamphlet contains the letter itself, and such other particulars as may be conceived to come from one so near the person of the prisoner of St Helena, and so taken up with the consideration of his condition. M. SANTINE is the writer's name, and the following is the brief sketch which he presents of his own history:—

I am a native of the island of Corsica; at the age of thirteen I entered the military service in the battalion of Corsican sharp-shooters. I was present at the battles of Ulm, Austerlitz, Jena, Prussian Elau, Friedland, Ratisbon, Eckmuhl, Aspern, Ypersberg, Wagram, and, finally, at the battle of Polark; after which I quitted the profession of a soldier for that of a courier. When the Emperor departed from Fontainebleau, for the island of Elba, I determined on following him, without feeling any concern about the rank in which I might continue my services. A short time after our arrival, I was presented to the Emperor. He recognized an old soldier who had never failed in the fulfilment of his duty; and had the goodness to grant me the places of messenger to his cabinet, and keeper of his portfolio. I returned to France in 1815, in the suite of the Emperor; and after the battle of Waterloo I accompanied him to Rochefort, and on board the English ship the *Bellerophon*. Finally, I was one of the few faithful servants of his Majesty, who had the happiness to follow him to St Helena, where, for nearly a year, I served near his person.

After complaining cruelly of the general treatment which BUONAPARTE receives from the Governor, he says —

It is a fact, which will appear incredible, but which is not the less true, that *the Emperor is limited to a bottle of wine per day!* Marshal and Madame BERTRAND, General MONTHOLON and his Lady, General GOURGAND, and Count de LAS CAZAS have also each their bottle.

Marshal BERTRAND has three children; M. de MONTHOLON two; and M. de LAS CAZAS one, about fifteen or sixteen years of age; and for all these mouths the GOVERNOR allows no rations!

In this state of things, the EMPEROR has been compelled to sell all his plate, to procure the first necessaries of life! I myself broke it in pieces before it was sent to the market. The produce of the sale was deposited, by order of the GOVERNOR, in the hands of Mr. BALCOMBE, and the EMPEROR was not permitted to touch a single penny.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 13: The Prince Edward this evening attended BAFTA North's Craft Awards Ceremony at the BBC Studios, Liverpool.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Wing Commander Kenneth Stoddart).

The Prince Edward, attended by Captain James Fraser, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was greeted this evening at a Charity Gala Performance held at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, in aid of The Scottish Ballet, of which Her Royal Highness is Patron.

Mrs Elizabeth Blair was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Sir Kenneth Alexander, former vice-chancellor, Stirling University, 66; Miss Pam Ayres, poet, 41; Mr Michael Caine, actor, 55; Professor Sir Colin Dollery, professor of medicine, 57; Mr John Elton, company director, 64; Mr R.E. Eurich, painter, 85; the Hon Alan Hare, former chairman, *Financial Times*, 69; Sir Richard Hayward, former chairman, Supplementary Benefits Commission, 78; Sir Philip Holland, former MP, 71; Dame Margaret Kidd, QC, 88; Mr Gavin Laird, trades unionist, 55; Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe, 66; Mr John McCallum, actor, 70; Lord Marsh, 60; Sir Eric Norris, diplomat, 70; Mr Bill Owen, actor, 73; Sir Richard Parsons, diplomat, 60; Dame Betty Paterson, former chairman, NW Thames Regional Health Authority, 72; Miss Tessa Sanderson, athlete, 32; Miss Rita Tushingham, actress, 46; Mr John Wain, author, 63.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Johann Strauss the Elder, Vienna, 1804; Sir Lauder Brunton, physician, Roxburgh, 1844; Paul Ehrlich, biochemist, Strohlen, Silesia (Strezelin, Poland), 1854; Albert Einstein, physicist, Nobel laureate 1921, Ulm, Germany, 1879.

DEATHS: George Wade, field marshal and road builder, London, 1748; John Byng, admiral, executed for failing to relieve Minorca, Portsmouth, 1757; Friedrich Klopstock, poet, Hamburg, 1803; John Jervis, Earl of St Vincent, admiral of the fleet, Essex, 1823; George Papworth, architect, Dublin, 1855; Karl Marx, London, 1883; Nikolai Bukharin, journalist and politician, executed Moscow, 1938; Busby Berkeley, choreographer, California, 1976.

The first submarine telephne line was laid across the Channel, 1891. The *New English Bible (New Testament)* was published, 1961.

Memorial Service

Professor E.B. Ford
The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University with Lady Neill and the Proctors attended a memorial service for Professor E.B. Ford held on Saturday in the Chapel of All Souls College, Oxford. The Rev Professor J. McManners officiated. Mr Edward Hussey, Sub Warden of All Souls College, read the lesson and Dr Bryan Wilson gave an address. Professor A. Honoré, acting Warden, and Mr C.S.L. Davies, Sub Warden of Wadham College, were among others present.

Dinners

Old Rutlishians' Association
The Old Rutlishians' Association held their sixty second annual dinner on March 12, at Simpson's-in-the-Strand. The president, Mr Geoffrey Ashworth, was in the chair and the principal guest was Mr John Paulding, acting Headmaster of Rutlish School.

Institution of Mechanical and General Technician Engineers
Mr R.W. Lord, Senior Vice-Chairman of the Institution of Mechanical and General Technician Engineers, presided at the annual dinner held on Saturday at the Charing Cross Hotel.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Commonwealth Day Observance service in Westminster Abbey at 3.00; and a reception at Lancaster House at 6.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Commodore of the Royal London Yacht Club, will attend the annual dinner at Guildhall at 7.20.

The Princess of Wales will hold a reception during London Fashion Week at Kensington Palace at 6.45.

Prince Edward will attend the "Youth Makes Music" concert at the Festival Hall at 7.15 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Schools Music Association.

The Princess Royal will open Thermalite's new factory at Thatcham, near Newbury, at 9.30; as Patron of the Butler Trust, will present the trust's annual awards at Lambeth Palace at noon; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Aitch Knitwear, Aitch House, Edgware Road, at 3.00; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will preside at a seminar on "Prospects for Disabled Children" at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Westminster, at 6.45.

Princess Alexandra will open the Derby City Hospital at 1.45; and visit the factory of Courtaulds Hosiery at Langley Mill, near Nottingham, at 4.00.

St Aubyns, Rottingdean

The final appeal reception for St Aubyns, Rottingdean, will be held on Wednesday, March 16, at the Royal Society of Arts, 8 John Adam Street, London, WC2, at 6pm for 6.30pm. All old boys, parents of former and current boys are welcome. For further information please telephone Brighton (0273) 32170.

St Clement's School, Toronto, Canada

The first London alumnae reunion dinner of St Clement's School, Toronto, Canada, will be held at the University Women's Club, 2 Audley Square, W1, on Friday March 18, at 6.30pm.

Parliament this week

Commons
Today (2.30): Timetable motion on Lords amendments to Social Security Bill and consideration of Lords amendments.
Tomorrow (2.30): The Budget.
Wednesday (2.30) and Thursday (2.30): Debate on the Budget.
Friday (9.30): Private Member's motion on competition policy.

Lords
Today (2.30): Employment Bill, committee, third day.
Tomorrow (2.30): Licensing Bill, committee.
Wednesday (2.30): Debates on the security services and on business education and business schools.
Thursday (3): Public Utility Transfers and Water Charges Bill, committee. Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Bill, second reading.

Nature notes


The redwing

Large flocks of wintering redwings are still feeding in the fields: when they are alarmed, they fly up into nearby trees and immediately start singing, a formless, creaking warble that goes on and on until they are ready to come down again. The chestnut-red patches under their wings are conspicuous as they fly.

Many lapwings that came to Britain for the winter are going back across the North Sea; resident birds have taken up their nesting territories among the springing corn. The male rocks from side to side in the sky, then soars and dives, calling loudly, in order to attract a mate; when a female enters the territory, he runs along the ground bowing to her, then pats the earth with his feet as though he were making a nest-scrape.

On the roadsides there are large clusters of colt's-foot, the flat yellow flowers sitting on stiff stems wrapped in grey-green scales. Lesser celandines are coming out everywhere: the flower buds are dull yellow and green, but the open flower is shiny yellow like a buttercup. Close to them are often growing the large leaves of cuckoo-pint, or lords-and-ladies: these are dark green, often blotched with purple, and shaped like an arrow-head.

DJM

Cliford Longley

Keeping faith with their past

St Patrick's Day, which falls on Thursday, is not the flashpoint it could have been. The Roman Catholic community in Great Britain, a large proportion of which is Irish in origin, has been hardly troubled by the Irish troubles. Even cities like Liverpool and Glasgow, where there is a history of sectarian conflict, have not had the public disturbances which might have been anticipated 15 years ago.

The cause must partly lie in the refusal of English or Scottish Catholic leaders, official and unofficial, to make Ireland an issue on the mainland; but in that they are as much following as leading opinion. They talk about it rarely, and when they do, they talk about it very generally. When Irish Catholic leaders speak with a partisan voice in public arguments and denunciation, they may find themselves politely reprimanded, as a leading article in the English *Catholic Herald* did to Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich recently.

Cardinal O'Fiaich was one of the signatories, with Cardinal Basil Hume of Westminster and Archbishop Thomas Winning of Glasgow, of an appeal for prayers for peace in Ireland issued to mark St Patrick's Day. That is not exactly rabble-rousing; and in most English Catholic parish churches St Patrick's Day is not much more than an average weekday.

The nearest an English Catholic bishop is ever likely to get to Irish controversies is by occasional reference to always unspecified "injustices" in Ireland, but usually in the context of saying that injustice should never be corrected by violence.

What distinguishes communities of Irish origin elsewhere in the world from that in Britain is a lingering and deep-seated anti-British sentiment in the former, which also exists in Ireland itself.

Those Irish who decided to stay in Britain, rather than to pass through on the way to America or elsewhere, no doubt had as much reason as the rest to regard nineteenth century Britain as fairly hostile territory. But their option was to stay, and keep their heads down. In due course, they became British; and it follows that they could not logically at the same time be anti-British.

In some pockets of Irish settlement in Liverpool, it is said that those who stayed were among the most exhausted and deprived of all, who quickly lost touch with their origins and in some cases could not even say which part of the old country they were from. In the intervening generations, the Irish have integrated very successfully, losing almost every distinctive mark except for their Catholic faith and their Irish surnames. Some have lost those too, largely as a result of intermarriage.

The Catholic population in Britain is now remarkable only for its averageness: of all the church's communities, it is the only one whose class and earnings profile closely matches the profile of society at large, at all levels. A century ago, it was among the poorest of the poor.

From an Irish perspective there has always been a religious element to the Irish troubles, even if it was one which was aggravated, agitated or obscured by economic, political and tribal rivalries.

This religious element rested upon the close relationship between the cause of Irish Catholicism and the cause of Irish nationalism, so that by and large what helped one helped the other. And history seemed to demonstrate the truth of that often enough. The reverse was true of Irish Protestantism, which was British Protestantism transplanted. Those automatic associations of national identity and faith are still very much alive.

When the first waves of Irish immigrants began to arrive, they was still a climate of fairly intense anti-Catholic feeling in Britain; but paradoxically that may have proved an advantage for it is a well observed phenomenon in general that faith often thrives on persecution.

That that feeling has declined is both a measure of and a tribute to the degree of assimilation achieved by the descendants of those immigrants.

The existence in Britain today of a largely ex-Irish Catholic community, which is manifestly thriving, is a standing refutation of the assumption that Britain and Britishness are inevitably inimical to Catholicism. They are plainly not – the Catholic Church has a larger church-going population in England than the Church of England itself.

This therefore contradicts one of the basic myths of Irish nationhood; that an Irish state, free of British control or influence, is necessary for the preservation of the Catholic faith.

It is because of this myth that the border between North and South is still perceived as a religious border as well as a political one, to the extent that Catholic leaders in Ireland all share the aspiration for a united Ireland, some of them vehemently. What is wrong with the IRA, in their eyes, is not the goal they are ultimately working for, but the means they have chosen to get there.

British Catholics of Irish origin could hardly share any of these assumptions, and tend to view the existence of the North-South border with the same ambivalence as the rest of the British population.

Irish nationalists would no doubt conclude that the price extracted from generations of Irish immigrants for integration into British society was surrender of their Irish identity, of which their relative indifference to the present priorities of Irish nationalism would be proof.

But it is could equally be said that what really happened was the transcendence of their Irish identity by their Christian faith. What was essential to themselves, they retained; what was incidental, they let go of.


The Princess Royal's daughter, Zara Phillips, who is seven in May, practising her skills on horseback while her mother was competing at Church Crookham horse trials, near Fleet, Hampshire, at the weekend (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Service dinners

King's Own Royal Border Regiment
Mr S. Robson presided at the annual dinner of the South of England branch of the King's Own Royal Border Regimental Association held on Saturday at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea.

6th/7th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers (TA)
Lieutenant-Colonel C.P. Dryland presided at the annual dinner of the dining club of the 6th/7th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers (TA) held on Saturday at the Plas Hall Hotel, Betws y Coed.

Institution of Mechanical Engineers

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers is pleased to announce that the following have been admitted to the class of Fellow and are permitted to use the designation FIMechE:

Mr R.G. Austin, Southampton. Colonel D.R. Axtell, Cheriton. Dr E.M. Barrowman, Glasgow. Dr D.A. Bell, East Kilbride. Mr M.F.F. Brophy, Dublin, Republic of Ireland. Mr B.B. Browne, Blackpool. Mr D.S.Y. Chow, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Mr J.E. Crimp, London. Mr G.J. Davies, Liverpool. Mr D.J. Drane, Harrow. Mr G.P.R. Farr, Birmingham. Mr G.R. Grew, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Mr C.F.J. Harding, London. Mr J.A. Harding, Weybridge. Mr J.A. Ideil, Kettering. Mr R.W. James, London. Mr T.J. Lawson, Leicester. Professor J.R. Leigh, London. Professor P.A. Mckeown, Cranfield. Mr V. McEwan, Portsmouth. Mr R.S. Palethorpe, Muscat, Oman. Brigadier G.J. Quirke, Bordon. Mr A.B. Riach, Bathgate. Mr J.M. Roe, Wotton-under-Edge. Mr T. Sharples, Preston. Rear Admiral D.R. Sherval, Bath. Mr K.M. Siddiqui, Harare, Zimbabwe. Mr P.W. Syms, Wimborne. Mr J. Varde, Yeovil. Mr N.M. Wallace, Manchester. Lieutenant-Colonel J. Widdowson, Woolwich, and Mr B.D. Witney, Penicuik.

Marlborough College

Marlborough College announces the following Music Awards for entrance in 1988:

13+ Scholarships: Ian Barter, King's College School, Cambridge; Rupert Drury, Ripon Cathedral Choir School; James Garner, Bilton Grange, Dunchurch, near Rugby; Alasdair Travers, King's College School, Cambridge.

13+ Exhibitions: Thomas Ap Rhys Pryce, Milbourne Lodge, Esher.

6th Form Scholarships: Sarah Bye, Friends' School, Great Ayton, Middlesborough; Rachel Couter, Devonport High School for Girls, Plymouth.

6th Form Exhibitions: Lara Danby, Portsmouth High School; Kate Parsons, St Joseph's Convent School, Reading; Hester Wallis, St John's School, Marlborough.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon R.V. Wynn and Mrs S.E. Hall
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Lord Newborough, Rhug, Corwen, North Wales, and Rosamund Lady Newborough, Church House, Petton, Shrewsbury, and Susan, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Andrew Lloyd, of Malta.

Dr S.M. Zdatny and Miss S.E. Huntington-Whiteley
The engagement is announced between Steven, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.J. Zdatny, of Woodbridge, New Jersey, United States, and Sophie, elder daughter of Sir Hugo and Lady Huntington-Whiteley, of Ripple Hall, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.G. Hewes and Miss K.E. Payne
The engagement is announced between Jeremy George, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.A. Hewes, Burley, Church Road, Havenstreet, Isle of Wight, and the late Mrs J. Hewes, and Katherine Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K.S. Payne, Deacons Farm, Deacons Lane, Ashey, Isle of Wight.

Mr M.J. Herford and Miss S. Wilkes
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr John Herford, of Woodford, New South Wales, and of Mrs W.L.L. McLeod, of "Ballantrae", Bowral, New South Wales, and Stephanie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Reg Wilkes, of Evesham, Worcestershire.

Mr R.P.M. Uniacke and Miss R.C. Batstone
The engagement is announced between Robie, son of Mr R.D.C. Uniacke, of Midhurst, Sussex, and the late Mrs Uniacke, and Rose, only daughter of the late Mr J.H.F. Batstone and Mrs F.W. Batstone, of London.

Mr E.N. Bunting and Miss L.M.C. Pratt
The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Mr and Mrs G.L. Bunting, of Otterington House, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Pratt, of Ryston Hall, Downham Market, Norfolk.

Mr R.P. Knight and Miss P.J. Corbidge
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs A.L. Knight, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Corbidge, of Wokingham, Berkshire.

Mr M.D. Gafsea and Miss S.R.G. Mendoza
The engagement is announced between Martin, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Gafsea, of Totteridge, London, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Victor Mendoza, of Wembley Park, Middlesex.

Mr D.L. Natzler and Miss H.J.G. Thompson
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Natzler, of East Sheen, London, and Hilary, daughter of the late Rev D. Brian and Mrs Isobel Thompson, of Edinburgh.

Mr S.A. Rudgard and Miss A.J. Mackenzie
The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs H.A. Rudgard, of Bramshott, Hampshire, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Mackenzie, of Penshurst, Kent.

Mr P.A. Hancock and Miss C.A. Gordon-Brown
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs A.B. Hancock, of Guernsey, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W. Gordon-Brown, of Burnham Green, Welwyn.

Mr R.C. Wawman and Miss K.S. Harding
The engagement is announced between Richard Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Wawman, of Windsor, Berkshire, and Kate Sophia, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Richmond Harding, of Stoford, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Marriages

Mr C.H.W. Peile and Miss K.A. Groundwater
The marriage took place on Thursday, March 3, at Chelsea Old Church between Mr Charles Peile and Miss Anna Groundwater.

Mr R. Ehrman and Miss K. Burnett
The marriage took place on Saturday in Christ's Chapel of God's Gift, Dulwich, of Mr Richard Ehrman, son of Mr and Mrs John Ehrman, and Miss Katharine Burnett, daughter of the late Mr Gordon Burnett and of Mrs Burnett. Canon Richard Lewis officiated.

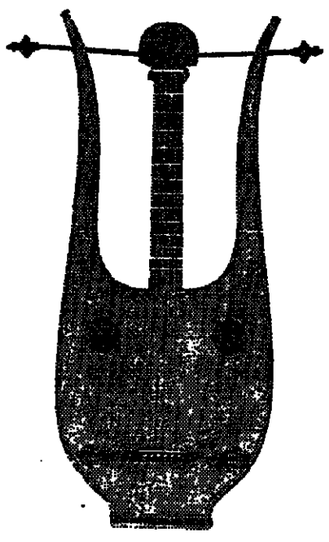
The bride, who was given away by her brother, was attended by Miss Kate Smith, Ianthe Ehrman, Flora Herries, Ben Ehrman and Alexander Kelly. Mr Charles Moore was best man.

Mr T.C. Carron Brown and Miss L.L. Braimbridge
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 12, 1988, at St Mary The Boltons Church, London, SW10, between Mr Tim Carron Brown and Miss Laura Braimbridge. The Rev Stephen Bartlett officiated.

Mr G.M. Redman-Brown and Mrs J. Wadlow
The marriage took place in the Chapel of Balliol College, Oxford, on February 23, 1988, between Mr G.M. Redman-Brown and Mrs J. Wadlow. The Marquess of Northampton was best man.

The honeymoon was spent in the West Indies. A reception will be held at Claridge's hotel in May.

PICK OF THE WEEK AT CHRISTIE'S



French Lyre Guitar, circa 1780
82 cm. high

THIS IS ONE of fifty early wind and stringed instruments from the collection of Baron Armand van Zuylen, which forms part of the sale of Musical Instruments at Christie's, King Street, on Wednesday, 16 March at 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Among the outstanding instruments is a rare alto recorder formed as a Doric column, built circa 1535 by Hans Rauch van Schratt. Instruments by other renowned makers, such as Rottenburgh, Haka and A. and J. W. Kenigsperger, are also included in the collection.

For any further information on this and other sales in the next week please telephone 01-839 9060.

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OBITUARY

CHRISTIANNA BRAND

Thrillers in the classic mould



Christianna Brand, writer of classical detective stories, died on March 11. She had also achieved considerable success with other kinds of fiction, most notably with a children's book *Nurse Matilda*, which was illustrated by her cousin, Edward Ardizzone.

Her original name was Mary Milne. Her father, Alec Milne, was manager of a rubber estate in Malaya, where she was born in 1909. After her mother died, she lived with the Ardizzones in England until 1914, when they went to Borneo and she rejoined her father in Malaya. She returned to England at the end of the First World War and was educated at a Franciscan convent in Taunton.

Her father, a charming and generous man, contrived to lose all his money. She found herself, at the age of seventeen, compelled to earn her own living but without any training or particular inclination.

She tried her hand, in turn, at being a governess, house decorating, packing beaded dresses for export, demonstrating gadgets at Olympia, running a girls' club in the slums, working as hostess in a night club, dancing and secretarial work. Each was apparently a worse failure than the last. She was lonely and often hungry.

Finally, while selling gas cookers in a shop, she began to write, inspired, she always said, by fear and dislike of one of her colleagues. Although the book was turned down by fifteen publishers before it was accepted, her new career was launched, during the Second War.

Her early detective stories – *Death in High Heels*, *Heads You Lose* and *Green for Danger* (which was entertainingly filmed, with Alastair Sim as her detective) – followed the traditional pattern. Later she experimented with variations on the theme, attracted either by some psychological situation she had observed or by some ingenious plot device: in *London Particular (1952)* the vital clue is planted in the opening paragraph.

Using various pseudonyms ("China Thompson" was one), she also wrote historical romances. *The Three-Cornered Halo (1957)* is a Mediterranean fantasy and *The Brides of Aberdar*, published in 1982, a ghost story.

She had remained close to Edward Ardizzone, and in 1962 she compiled and he illustrated an anthology called *Naughty Children*.

It contained a short version of the story of "Nurse Matilda", which was, in fact, a story told by her great-grandfather and passed down through the family. When this most engaging tale of a wonder-working nanny appeared as a separate little book in 1963, it did so well that they followed it with two sequels, *Nurse Matilda Goes to Town (1966)* and *Nurse Matilda Goes to Hospital (1973)*.

Christianna Brand was a dutiful member of the Detection Club, to which she was elected in 1946, and of the Crime Writers' Association. She was conspicuous always for her kindness (albeit sharp-tongued sometimes), humour and vivacity.

She is survived by her husband, Roland Lewis, a surgeon. They adopted a daughter. Latterly they divided their time between a Regency house in Maida Vale and a cottage in Wales, where the countryside suggested the setting for several of her books.

PROF T.W. FREEMAN

Professor T.W. Freeman, who died on March 11 aged 79, was a geographer who attracted attention with his writing on the then unusual field of the history of geography; and his work on the geography of Ireland.

His *Hundred Years of Geography*, published in 1962, was based on a course he developed as professor of geography at Manchester. He followed it with *The Geographer's Craft*, a collection of essays about geographers whose work in different fields appealed to him.

Thomas Walter Freeman was educated at Leeds University, first taught at Edinburgh and then spent fourteen years at Trinity College, Dublin, before going to Manchester in 1950.

His 1950 book *Ireland* was the first attempt to bring together research on the geography of Ireland into a comprehensive survey. In it he linked geography with social history in the story of the reduction of the Irish population by half in a hundred years.

In 1957 he published *Pre-Famine Ireland: a Study in Historical Geography*.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

William Wordsworth, a composer who achieved wide recognition in the post-war years, died on March 10, aged 79.

A clergyman's son and a descendant of the brother of the poet, Wordsworth was in many ways very much an English composer, but he lived latterly in the Highlands of Scotland and played an important part in encouraging Scottish musicians.

He had studied composition and orchestration in Edinburgh under Sir Donald Tovey, who remained an important influence on him.

His originality was first noted when his First Quartet won the Clement Prize in 1941.

After the war he won first prize in the Edinburgh Festival competition for a symphonic work, with his Second Symphony (which had been rejected by the BBC). It was a modern work, whose dissonance displeased some of his audience.

But overall his work tended to be blander, a thoughtful treatment of lyrical and romantic material. He wrote extensively – symphonies, concertos, chamber music and vocal pieces.

He was active in the Composers' Guild, of which he was chairman in 1959.

He is survived by two sons and two daughters. His wife died before him.

THE REV PETER PRIEST

The Rev Peter Priest, who built up a reputation as a parish priest in the East End and then in South Africa, died on March 9, aged 83.

But in this country he was best known as vicar, from 1965 to 1979, of St Alban's, Holborn. This was a bombed church which had been rebuilt when he took it over, and where he saw his role as using a new building in the heart of London to proclaim the Catholic faith in the area, and through the Church of England.

His improvements to his church included commissioning Hans Feibusch to paint the Stations of the Cross, and a striking mural that covers the east wall.

From 1953 to 1957 he was vicar of the Isle of Dogs. He and the Bishop of Stepney, Joost de Blank, formed a close working relationship, so much so that when the bishop was offered the job of Archbishop of Cape Town he refused to go unless he could take Father Priest with him as chaplain. He was duly appointed chaplain and rector of St Mark's, Cape Town from 1958 until 1965, when he came to Holborn.

Father Priest was widely known for his great wit, hard work as a parish priest and great gift of hospitality.

Sir Walter Michelmore, who has died aged 79, spent more than thirty years in business in India. In 1947-48 he was chairman of the Indian Mining Association and in 1957 was president of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Associated Chambers of Commerce of India.

He was knighted in 1958. His war service in the Indian Army was rewarded by his appointment as MBE.

Lois Wilson, who appeared in more than 100 films in the silent and early talkie days of Hollywood, has died aged 93.

Her roles included Daisy Buchanan in the 1926 version of *The Great Gatsby*.

HENRYK SZERYNG

Mr Carl F. Flesch writes:
Your obituary (March 4) omitted a significant fact in the life of this great musician. Noticing that the State of Israel did not possess a Stradivari violin, he presented to the city of Jerusalem, in 1972, his own, the "Hercules" (1734). He stipulated that it should not become a museum piece but that it was to be regularly used by gifted young Israeli violinists.

Disregarding the very considerable financial sacrifice, the fact of a violinist giving away one of his most cherished and important instruments must be virtually unique. It can be appreciated only by those who know what such a violin means to a professional artist.

There can be no better proof of Szeryng's single-minded idealistic beliefs, one of the most valuable traits of this complex personality.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the Lord: that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.
Jeremiah 25 : 7

BIRTHS

ADAMS - on March 4th at Cuckfield Hospital to Clare (née Ridgers) and Stephen a daughter, Laura Fay.

BALFOUR - On March 10th at The Portland Hospital, W1, to Madeleine (née Wootton) and David, a daughter Victoria Samantha, 3rd grandchild for Doris and Walter Wootton.

BANKS - On March 11th to Claire (née Pratt) and Julian, a son, Harry Rutherford, a brother for Joshua.

DAWSON - On February 17th, to Kate and Jeremy, a daughter, Sarah Katrina.

HARGREAVES - On March 9th to Anne (née Frawley) and Adam, a daughter, Jessica Anne.

HAYWARD on March 10th at Guys to Claire (née Rae) & Richard a son Thomas James William.

HOPKINSON - On March 8th, to Clare (née Birch Reynardson) and Adrian, a son, Gordon James.

KERR - On March 7th, to Rebecca and David, a daughter, Jennifer Louise.

LEFANU COLLINS - On March 10th, to Sarah and Christpher a daughter, sister for Alexander and Beatrice.

MEATH BAKER - On March 9th to Elizabeth (née Woodham-Smith) and Clovis, a daughter, Boadicea Louisa.

NICHOLLS - On March 9th, to Marymme (née Groom) and Mark, a daughter, Jessica Frances, a sister for William.

PRUSAKOWSKI - On February 29th, to Louise and Christopher, a daughter Natalie Jane.

WALLACE - On March 7th 1988, in Melbourne, Australia to Sherry (née Danks) and Ian a bonny son, Rhett a grandson for Jean and Geoff and nephew for Kerry.

WARBURG. On Friday March 11th, to Penelope (née Law) and Bill, a son, Charles Edmund.

WARD - On March 12th at The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, to Ann (née Peterson) and Graham, a daughter, Helen Mary.

DEATHS

ASHTON - On March 11th peacefully at St. Raphael, Dane Hill. Carmen (née Dotezac), widow of Nicholas Ashton and dearly loved mother of Mitren, Christine, Yolande (deceased) and Joe. Requiem Mass: Friday 18th March at St. Joseph's Church, Guildford at 10am. Flowers to: Pimms, Guildford.

BEACH - On March 7th 1988, in hospital, Albert John of Averill Street, London W6. Husband of Dorothy May, father of Mary, Margaret and Richard. Funeral on March 16th 1988 at 11 am at Christchurch, Chelsea, SW3.

BROOKING. On 10th March 1988, suddenly at home, Anthony Granville, aged 34. Adored husband of Lucy (née Pym), beloved son of Granville and Patricia, and brother of Tricia and Felicity, and dearly loved by all the Pym family. Funeral Service to be held at the Guards Chapel, London SW1 on Friday 18th March at 12.00 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to St. Rose's Special School for Handicapped Children, Stroud, Glos.

COVE-SMITH - On March 9th ,1988, in Brighton, peacefully and with inherent dignity, Dr Ronald Cove-Smith, beloved husband of Peggy and loving father and grandfather. Service at St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean, Brighton on Friday March 18th at 2.00 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Hanningtons. Tel 0273 778733.

CREED - On March 6th, peacefully after a long illness, Leslie George, aged 71, of Mill Street, Kingston. Sadly missed by family and his many friends. Graveside Service at Surbiton Cemetery, Lower Marsh Lane, Wednesday March 16th at 2.10pm. Flowers to F.W. Paine, 29 Coombe Road, Kingston.

FORTH - On March 11th, peacefully at home, in School Lane, Hartford. William Henry aged 79 years, beloved husband of Gwen, father of Michael, John and Liz and beloved grandfather of Robert, Sarah, David, Lisa and Catherine. Funeral service to take place on Thursday 17th March, at Walton Lea Crematorium at 11 am. Flowers or donations for, The Gardeners Benevolent Fund. Enquiries to G. Lightfoot, Witton Mews, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 5AQ. Tel: 0606 2011.

FREEMAN. On March 11th, Thomas Walter, peacefully in hospital. Beloved husband of Olive, father of Michael (Tom), John and Mary. Much loved Grandfather. Emeritus Professor of Geography, University of Manchester. Funeral Service at St. Helens Church, Abingdon, Oxon, on Thursday March 17th at 11.30 am. No flowers. Donation if desired to Christian Aid, c/o P.A. Barrett, 81 Ock St, Abingdon, Oxon.

HALL - On March 8th, following a long illness, Kathleen, much loved mother of Victor. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday 16th March, at 11.10 am.

KARSLAKE - On March 11th 1988, Edward Kent Hathburton, younger son of the late Lt. Col. and Mrs J.B.P. Karslake, husband of Eleanor and father of Antony, Sophia and Mary Leonora, of Nymet St. George House, South Molton, North Devon. Funeral at George Nympton on March 21st at 2:15pm. Family flowers only.

LINDSAY - On March 10th tragically in Switzerland. Major Hugh Charles Lyttelton Lindsay, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), aged 34, Darling husband of Sarah, beloved son of Audrey, adored brother of David, Emma and Andrew. The funeral service will take place at 2.00pm Thursday 17th of March at The Royal Memorial Chapel, RMA Sandhurst, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Great Ormond Street Appeal, c/o The Adjutant, 9th/12th Royal Lancers, Carver Barracks, Wimbish, Saffron Walden, Essex.

LEWIS - On March 11th, after a long illness, Mary Christianna (Christianna Brand), dearly loved wife, mother and grandmother. Cremation at St Marylebone Crematorium, Finchley on Thursday March 17th at 12 noon. Enquires to Kenyon's 01 723 5277.

MACLAREN - On March 10th 1988, at home, Gwendoline Isobel, beloved wife of John Paul. Funeral on Thursday March 17th at 3.00 pm at Putney Vale Crematorium. No flowers. Donations if desired to Alzheimers Disease Society.

MESSUM - On March 9th 1988, quietly in hospital, Peter Ruston of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Husband of Pauline and father of Piers and Ashley. Funeral service will take place on Thursday 17th March, at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, at 3.00 pm. No flowers, but donations if desired to The Salvation Army, or Guide Dogs for The Blind.

MORRISON - On March 9th, 1988, at Tonbridge Wells, Billy. Service at United Reformed Church, 5 Oak Green. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to St. Christophers Hospice, Sydenham, c/o Warners Solicitors, High Street, Tonbridge.

NICHOLSON - On March 11th, after a brief illness, Charles Henry of Tadley Place, Basingstoke. Beloved husband of Georgina and father of Timothy and Tricia. Funeral strictly private. No flowers please.

PAYNE - On March 10th 1988, at home, Henry Charles of, London SE5. Mourned by his relatives and friends. Cremation service on Thursday March 17th at Honour Oak Crematorium at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Uden & Sons, 255 Southampton Way, Camberwell, SE15 by 11 am.

PEARCE - On March 10th, peacefully in St Albans, after a long illness, Agnes Alexandra, widow of Edgar P.C. Pearce. Greatly loved by her children, Edgar, Jimmy, Pamela and Alan, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral service at West Herts Crematorium, on Friday 18th March, at 11am. No flowers please, but donations may be sent for The McMillan Nurse, c/o Phillips Funeral Service, 68 Alma Road, St Albans 51006, to whom letters and enquries may also be sent.

PETERS - On March 10th 1988, peacefully at Deal Hospital, Peggy, widow of Eric Louis Peters, mother of Patricia and Ricky. Funeral Wednesday March 16th at 12.30pm at Barham Crematorium, near Canterbury, Kent. Flowers to Crematorium.

POCKNELL - On Monday March 7th, 1988, suddenly at home, aged 79 years, Cornelius George. Beloved husband of Eileen and father of Kenneth and Kieron.

PULL - Stanley Herbert O.B.E. Peacefully on March 11th at Brook Farm, Pulham St Mary, Norfolk. Beloved husband of the late Suzanne and father of Sanneke and William. Funeral Norwich City Crematorium (Earlham) on Friday March 18th at 12.30. Family flowers only, donations for The British Red Cross, c/o Rackhams Funeral Service, Stanley Road, Diss, Norfolk.

RAMDEN - On March 9th 1988 at home peacefully, Doreen (Pat) Ramsden, sister of Yvonne and Pam and friend of Joan. Funeral at The South London Crematorium, at 4.00 pm on Wednesday March 16th.

SYMES - On March 11th at Ashley Lodge Nursing Home, Now Millton, Bobbie, aged 90. Wife of the late Dr R L Symes. Funeral private. Thanksgiving service at Boldre Church, on Friday March 25th at 2.30pm.

TREGONING - On 10th March 1988, peacefully George Edward aged 84, husband of Celia, father of Ann and a dear Grandpa. Family cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at Saint Bartholomew's Church Barrow, on Wednesday 16th March at 2.30pm. Donations if wished to Chester Unit Sea Cadet Corps, c/o Mr J Aslatt, 54 Queens Way, Newton, Chester.

WILLIAMS Professor Hugh Trevor C.B.E. on March 10th peacefully after a brave fight against cancer, beloved husband of Betty, much loved father of Elizabeth & Tom & Grandfather of their children. Funeral service to be held at Llanbadarn Fawr Church on Wednesday 16th March at 11.30 followed by interment at Llanbadarn Cemetary. Family flowers only. Donations for Cancer Research may be given to W.H. Daniell & Son, Funeral Directors, Mill Street, Aberystwyth.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COHEN - A memorial service for Sir Rex Cohen K.B.E. will be held on Monday March 28th at 12 noon at The West London Synogogue, Upper Berkeley Street, London W1.

DRAKE - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Rodney Drake will be held at Tanworth-in-Arden Church at 4pm, on Monday March 28th.

GOSCHEN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Geoffrey Goschen will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 30th March 1988, at St Mary's Church, Tetbury. Cremation has taken place.

NICHOLSON - Memorial Service to be held at St Paul's Church, Tadley on Sunday April 17th at 3 pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

MILLAR - NICOLA GLEN, remembering with love dearest Nicki, died 13th march 1969.

NAPPER - Ian Maurice on March 14th 1984. We love no less, because you could not stay. David, Ann and Julie.

TOOTH - Melissa with many loving memories, not dimmed by time, by Simon, Tara, John, Clare and Alexa.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

GOLDEN WEDDING. Windle-Standen on March 16th 1938 at All Souls, Langham Place, Christopher Gervase to Mary Wyatt.

Horticulture

Orchids in all colours

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

McBean's Orchids are renowned for their giant exhibits but they excelled themselves at the British Orchid Growers' Association's show held over the weekend. A bank of orchids, more than 70 feet long, spanned the Old Horticultural Hall in Westminster.

The company is famed for cymbidiums, which are exported all over the world from their computer-controlled glass-house complex in Cooksbridge, Sussex. So naturally this gold medal exhibit featured many cymbidiums, including varieties of intermediate size which McBean's are developing for the houseplant market.

Particularly noteworthy is the new "Strathmore Rainbow", in a wide range of colours, which recently gained two awards of merit.

McBean's have recently taken over Charlesworth Orchids, renowned for odontoglossums, so they now have a vast range of these orchids. One on show, a purple and white *O. rossii* hybrid, was judged best novel odontoglossum hybrid. McBean's have also developed a new colour in paphiopedilums — intense wine red.

The gold medal exhibit from the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, of Trinity, Jersey, was featured equally impressive and featured boldly blotched miltonias or pansy orchids and multi-coloured odontoglossums, set amidst cool green maidenhair ferns. Crimson spotted *Odontioda* "West Park" was judged grand champion.

The Thames Valley Orchid Society featured the green and yellow *Lycaste* "Nebula", this being judged champion hybrid.

In the orchid competition, S J Woolway of Somersham, Huntingdon, fared well in the open classes, gaining the McBean cymbidium perpetual challenge trophy, the *McBean Orchids* trophy for cymbidiums and the Armstrong and Brown trophy for miniature cymbidiums.

Other trophy winners in the open classes were:
John Gay of Kirkhamgate, Wakefield, West Yorkshire. Lyoch perpetual challenge trophy for odontoglossums and Wyld Court Orchids trophy for hybrid orchids: *G D Lulle, of Norbury*, south London. H Dixon & Sons perpetual trophy for species (his white *Dendrobium linguaeum album* and *Cologyne cristata* "Chadworth" gained cultural commendations); Colin Taylor of Wigston, Leicester. Burnham Nurseries perpetual trophy for phalaenopsis; and R B Sharpe of Sandy, Bedfordshire. R & E Ratcliffe trophy for paphiopedilums.

Amateur classes:
S J Woolway, Stonehurst Orchid Nursery trophy for a cymbidium and Ivens Orchid trophy for a miniature cymbidium.
R J Elliot of Tilehurst, East Sussex. Lipanda Orchids trophy for unusual magenta and crimson *Laeliocattleya* "Chocolate Drop"; *John Gay*, R & E Ratcliffe trophy for *Paphopedilum hirsutissimum* "Gaytarn" award of merit), and Bromsberrow Place Orchids trophy for an odontoglossum: K eries trophy for an odontoglossum: K D Owen of Turners Hill, Sussex. Wyld Court Orchids trophy for an oncidium: and T Gardiner of Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire. Guinness Trophy for the yellow and bronze *Oncidium* "Ardencote" (cultural commendation).
Jo Kelleher of Orpington, Kent. *Maxwell and Hatcher trophy for Dendrobium linguiforme* with spidery white flowers judged grand champion and champion species: this exhibitor also awarded Hoga perpetual challenge trophy. Colin Taylor, Dorset Orchids trophy for a phalaenopsis: Colin Tope of Bath, Avon, Neville Orchids trophy for a phalaenopsis: T J Lewis of Dulwich, south-east London. Roydon Orchids trophy for an orchid hybrid: and Molte Pottinger of Pinner, north-west London, Rittershauser salver for miniature species *Pleurothallis ornata*, with minute yellow flowers (cultural commendation).

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British television is probably the only medium in the world in which a delicate work such as *Shadow on the Earth* (Sunday BBC2) could be produced. The story of three small boys amusing themselves in a Scottish mining village in 1961, it was a journey to the sources of human prejudice.

Membership of an Orange lodge sustained the grandfather, hatred of the ruling class and oppression of his wife comforted the father. For the children, no pleasure was as keen as that of reviling the only Catholic family in the neighbourhood, whose son bullied them in turn. As the tale unfolded, with many excursions into exquisitely observed irrelevance, the children's negativity focused on a harmless albino bank clerk who lived alone across the street.

The film was directed, beautifully but very slowly, by Chris Bernard, who selected it in preference to the offers from Hollywood, which came his way after *Letter to Brezhnev*. The script won the Lloyds Bank National Screenwriters' Award for David Kane, a 26-year-old Scot who was encouraged by his art school writer-in-residence, *Tutti Frutti*'s creator, John Byrne.

***Shadow on the Earth* is the product of wise observation and great talent. It is far too slow, too subtle and too accurate a representation of its place and time to find a large international market but, as a film and as a bulwark against cultural imperialism, it is a triumph.**

Cultural imperialism has made little progress in China, so anyone who takes a camera East returns with footage of glorious landscapes and a way of life untainted by Disney and Coca Cola. It was tempting to watch *Memories of China* (Saturday, Channel 4), about Kenneth Lo, celebrated food writer, returning to his home town after an absence of 54 years, without sound, since the pictures were stunning but the script floundered. The best moments were when Lo alone held the screen.

Celia Brayfield

New lords of the Ring

Wagner's *Ring* cycle, *Die Walküre*, *Das Rheingold*, *Siegfried* and *Götterdämmerung*, is the Everest of the operatic world, the greatest challenge for conductor, orchestra and soloists alike. John Higgins reports from Munich, where Bernard Haitink, Director of Music at Covent Garden, has embarked on his first complete recording of the work, with the American James Morris as Wotan

ANNE KIRKBACH



The finest contemporary interpreter of Wotan: James Morris



Studio study: Haitink (left) and Morris consulting the score

EMI may have the world's largest classical music catalogue, but their archives do not yet contain a complete *Ring* recorded in the studio. The Furtwängler version was taken from Italian radio broadcasts and Goodall's interpretation from live performances at the Coliseum.

But a start has been made to change that situation. *Die Walküre* has just been recorded in Munich, in the concert hall of the Residenz that lies behind the Bavarian State Opera. *Rheingold* follows in November. Then *Siegfried* and, if all goes according to plan, the EMI *Ring* will be complete after *Götterdämmerung* in November, 1991.

When Decca assembled their *Ring* between 1958 and 1965, masterminded by John Culshaw, they blocked the way for others not only by the quality of the performance under Solti, but through the exclusivity clause which prevents artists from recording the same role for other companies within five years. Decca made sure to gather under their wing the best Wagner singers of the day.

Sheer expense is another mighty deterrent. EMI did start to put together a *Ring* cast for Carlos Kleiber, but it did not get much beyond the drawing-board stage.

The EMI *Ring* has emerged from the series of operas Bernard Haitink made with the Bavarian Radio Orchestra: *Zauberflöte*, Strauss's *Daphne* and, especially, *Tannhäuser*. By coincidence, when the first discussions were being held in 1984, Haitink was already getting approaches from Covent Garden to take over the musical side of the house from Sir Colin Davis.

No Music Director of an international opera house worth his salt is likely to leave a new *Ring* out of his plans and this must certainly have crossed Haitink's mind while the two separate projects were far from firm. However, with a few exceptions, Haitink is keeping the stage *Ring* (with *Rheingold* as the first new production, in late September, of the 1988/9 Covent Garden season), and the recorded *Ring* apart.

London was considered briefly by EMI as a base for the *Ring*, so too was Dresden, but both were rejected in favour of Munich. The reason was in part financial: Bavarian Radio put up a portion of the money as well as providing the orchestra, a much improved band of players after its years under Knbelik and now Colin Davis.

Haitink also wanted an orchestra that would submerge itself completely in Wagner for a fortnight's recording rather than having to go off in the evening for a performance in the opera house or concert hall. Both he and his Executive Producer, Peter Allward, were in favour of the resonant accoustic of the Hercules Room of the Residenz, a severe hall with tapestries of the Herculean labours, very much in the Central European style, with a narrow balcony looking down on the rectangle of seats below.

There are some links, though, between stage and studio and the chief of these, apart from Haitink himself, is Wotan. The American bass-baritone, James Morris, sings the role in both Munich and London. He established his career mainly in the Italian and French repertoire and admits that it took him a long time to come around to Wagner.

"When I arrived at The Met at the age of 23 I was told to understudy King Mark (*Tristan*). After a couple of days I asked to be released because it was ruining my voice — or rather the coach assigned to me was.

"Much later, Terry McEwen of the San Francisco Opera told me to look at Wotan, starting with the Abschied. I remember running through it during a rehearsal for the Salzburg *Così*, when Riccardo Muti came up and said 'How boring!' " Ironically, Morris makes his Scala début later this month with Muti in *Der fliegende Holländer*.

Within four years Morris has established himself as the world's leading Wotan, an interpretation which, to judge from Munich, puts *bel canto* above everything. Not for nothing did he study he role with Hans Hotter.

Morris's strength is such that he is simultaneously recording Wotan for the rival DG *Ring* which is being made under James Levine. And that breaks all the normal rules of the industry.

"The two offers came almost simultaneously, which was nice but embarrassing. In record terms my loyalty was to Peter Allward and EMI; in house terms it was to The Met. I rang up Terry [McEwen] and asked his advice. Back came the swift reply: 'If they both want you, they'll work something out.' And they did."

Morris is joined by another young American singer, Cheryl Studer, as Sieglinde. She first came to prominence when taking over as Elisabeth in the Bayreuth *Tannhäuser* at short notice.

During the sessions, Studer managed to sing a marvellous Daphne in Richard Strauss' opera next door at the Bavarian State Opera. There is every indication that there is an Isolde and a Brünnhilde here in about five years' time.

Meanwhile, EMI's Brünnhilde is Eva Marton, who can let out a 'Hoyotoho' with the best of them, and the Siegmund is Reiner Goldberg, now happily back to vocal health and assurance.

The takes in the Herkulessaal are exceptionally long, sometimes as much as 20. This is at Haitink's request. "I've had almost 30 years of recording and I have always gone for breadth rather than extreme detail.

"Put it down to the conductor's creative urge, perhaps. But in Wagner, if you employ a stop-go technique, then you are likely to destroy everything."

Haitink admits slightly ruefully that he has never conducted a complete *Walküre* before, but up to last month at Covent Garden he had never conducted a complete *Parsifal* either.

Peter Allward's principal aim in assembling his cast is to look for singers young enough to span, if necessarily, the three years of the recording. This is in part the reason for the presence of newcomers like Studer and Waltraud Meier (Fricka). But he has not yet found a Siegfried: "I'll be haunting all the rehearsals for the Bayreuth *Ring* this summer. Someone will be discovered."

Meanwhile there is the rival DG *Ring* in New York. Opera houses and record companies alike — Bayreuth always excepted, of course — tend to leave 10 or 15 years between *Rings* and yet here are two arriving together. How does Haitink feel about this? "Ridiculous!".

And he matches the word with a great smile of pleasure.

Telling a story

RADIO

Did I say that Whose is the Kingdom? (Radio 3, Fridays) carried the burden of its history lightly? Yes, on the basis of Part One (February 19), I fear I did.

John Arden and Margaretta D'Arcy have lighted on a long and complex bit of early fourth century political and ecclesiastical history: we have been working through the tangle of events leading up first to the accession of Constantine as Roman Emperor and then to the Council of Nicea.

Maybe if I already knew the period or had sent £2 and a large SAE for a booklet giving background information, I should have a clearer grasp of what is happening and even be looking forward keenly to play five. But surely no play should ever depend on either as these so evidently do; who needs a working knowledge of the Wars of the Roses to get the hang of Shakespeare?

Since the train of events is hard to follow, it is impossible to become involved in it. Yet it is that very train which dominates everything, even the plays' many characters, who seem to be there more to speak the history than to let it grow out of them as fully-rounded individuals.

There have been some entertaining scenes, but even here the interest is in the situation and, to a lesser extent, in the wealth of learning and allusion and the hint of irony in the dialogue. It is not in the characters, despite some attractive performances.

It is as if these elements all belong to the authors and they have not succeeded in transferring them to their characters, any more than they demonstrate have been able to bring to the history that essential gift and art of storytelling.

That gift is a great deal more apparent in another long-runner of which I was also rash enough to say that it began well. But, eight episodes in, I can confirm that Australia (Radio 4, Sundays) has so far never failed to treat me as it treated all too many of its first settlers: I am transported by it. And to it.

Mike Walker's scripts present an ingenious mix of drama, narrative and scholarly comment and their blending has been beautifully handled in Shaun Macloughlin's production. In combination they have brought off a classic radio feat: superb pictures.

The sense of landscape and profoundly hostile climate pervading two recent episodes — the early explorers (Feb 28) and the drovers, shearers and diggers (Mar 6) — was very powerful. Just sitting in front of my loudspeakers, I felt sunburn coming on. And then within this vast and brilliant setting the history is comprehensible and the tiny figures of men and women fair spring to life.

I never said a word about Wilko's Weekly (Radio 4, Fridays, just ended) when it began six weeks ago, but on the basis of part one I could safely have predicted the series of informative and entertaining half-hours has in fact emerged. Tony Wilkinson has been spending time with six representatives of the local press, scattered far and wide across the land. Good, clear storytelling here, too, in its way: action-packed, vividly pictorial and yet, in Julian Hale's excellent productions, apparently unhurried.

David Wade

Berlioz's moods clearly shown

CONCERTS

LPO/Bychkov
Festival Hall/Radio 3

Of the possible ways to achieve what Berlioz intended with the *Symphonie Fantastique*, Semyon Bychkov produced one of the most cogent in his performance last night with the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

From the fevered dreams and passions contained in a deceptively modest beginning, an opening movement in which I began to wonder if much imagination would be brought to bear, the American visitor showed how each of the symphony's five movements led inexorably forward.

The suffocating swirl of the ballroom and its relentless waltz made it necessary to escape to the following "Scene in the Fields" where in turn the four-handed drum-rolls at the end turned into ominous harbingers of the "March to the Scaffold" and its frenzied sequel in the final "Witches' Sabbath." Mr Bychkov kept mood and character firmly moulded throughout, with an assured response from all sections of the orchestra.



Cogency: Semyon Bychkov

He played them in, not with the conventional overture, but with the work Hindemith handicapped from the start by lumbering it with the impossible title of *Symphonic Metamorphoses on Themes by Weber* instead of something better to convey its vitality, colour and even humour.

Between these ebullient excursions Hermann Baumann was a peerless soloist in the third of Mozart's Horn Concertos (K.447) to introduce a welcome contrast.

Noël Goodwin

Young soloist saves the day

LSO/Tovey
Barbican Hall

The LSO has had bad luck with its Russian maestros lately, although there is a persuasive school of thought which maintains that the absence from British podiums of the once highly "hyped" Yuri Ahronovich is not bad news at all.

It was a pity, however, that last night's replacement, Bramwell Tovey — the "twelfth man" of the conducting world — did little to reinforce his chances of directing further major concerts. The original programme was changed to incorporate a dollop of familiar Bernstein, so presumably Tovey feels this shows off his finer points.

Yet, for all his mega-charged arm movements, the lovely 7/4 tune in the *Candide* overture never settled down. In the *West Side Story* symphonic dances, too, some raucous tuttis and a few massed shouts of "mambo" in the specified places could not disguise a pervasive imprecision and a lack of well-articulated detail. Similar problems marred the performance of Tchaikovsky's Fifth, although here Tovey compounded the mediocrity by drawing out slow passages to lugubrious lengths.

Some relief came in the form of Korngold's Violin Concerto, in which the soloist was the 15-year-old Israeli-American Gil Shaham. The work itself is no great shakes. Stitched together from some of Korngold's 19 Hollywood film scores, most of it would be acceptable as a sonic backcloth to Errol Flynn's stirring deeds in the 1937 *The Prince and the Pauper*.

Shaham was a splendidly eloquent advocate, nevertheless. The concerto's technical hurdles are considerable (as one would expect of a piece written for Huberman and premiered by Heifetz), but they were surmounted elegantly, and there was an apposite schmaltzy quality about his glissandi and rubato.

His major shortcoming at present is his apparent inability to know when to be delicate; consequently, the tone is as yet an unvaried treacle. But these are still early days for Shaham, and it is refreshing to find a prodigy who is prepared to play something different.

Richard Morrison

Very high energy, still higher volume

ROCK

AC/DC
Wembley Arena

In a bicentennial year which has been marked by fulsome recognition of dubious Australian exports, from Fosters lager to John Pilger, AC/DC is not about to be excluded, and the group arrived in London at an early stage of a comprehensive global tour. Formed in Sydney in 1974, the quintet's populist appeal has proved as unwavering as its musical approach, a high energy, heavy rock style which has not so much transcended international boundaries of taste as jumped on them until they collapsed under the weight.

Although the new stage set was a shade hi-tech, with chrome-coloured pillars holding up walkways extending round the sides and back, very little in the performance was different from when AC/DC last played at Wembley two years ago. At the start of "Who Made Who", a line of Angus Young lookalikes — winners of a newspaper competition — stood on the catwalk at the back thrashing away on cardboard guitars, while their hero emerged, resplendent in his cherry red velvet school uniform, from a glass capsule that rose from the floor.

Charging down the ramp in a movement that was part duckwalk, part pogo, his head shaking frantically and his fingers a blur on the fretboard, the diminutive 28-year-old guitarist hit the stage running and rarely paused for breath during the ensuing 90 minutes.

Brian Johnson, looking more than ever like rock's answer to Harold Steptoe, sang in his high-register approximation of a death scream, and new, even bigger, impossibly loud, model cannons were "fired" during the encore of "For Those About To Rock". Knots of sprawling fans punched the air with tribal enthusiasm.

Complain if you will about the boneheadedness of such an exercise in noise worship, or of the unremitting simplicity of the formula. But if nothing was left to chance, then neither was any effort spared in mounting what was an exhausting and dependably enjoyable evening of musical catharsis, a chance again to plug the batteries in to one of rock's primal power sources.



Angus Young: hard working

David Sinclair

Towards a style

JAZZ

Tommy Smith Quartet
University of Bath

Sometimes it is easy to forget that Tommy Smith is still an extremely young player. Although only 20, he has been rubbing shoulders with top-flight musicians for the past five years. All the same, to expect any major innovations at this stage would be unfair and unrealistic.

That point should be borne in mind when assessing his current group, which includes the acclaimed drummer Idris Muhammad. In the opening concert of Bath Jazz Week, Smith showed he has assimilated the influences of tenorists as diverse as Jan Garbarek and Michael Brecker. His own voice, however, has yet to emerge.

Raised in Scotland, Smith has spent much of his career in the United States, where he studied at Berklee and became a member of the Gary Burton Group.

When he appeared at Ronnie Scott's last autumn, Smith seemed preoccupied with the pure, static sound of Garbarek. At Bath on Saturday the ghost of John Coltrane had the upper hand, particularly in the faster sequences. "Impressions" which opened the second set, brought the connection into the open as Smith developed the theme out of a wild duel with Muhammad, before pianist Jason Rebello added a touch of McCoy Tyner.

The Garbarek imprint was more pronounced on ballads, though given a much harsher edge. The effect on, for example, "I Can't Get Started" was perversely unromantic.

Smith's own compositions revolved around fairly simple motifs. While the solo pattern was somewhat predictable, Smith added colour through adept use of dynamics.

Overall, though, he needs a more forceful pianist. Jason Rebello — himself only 18 — is a highly promising player, but he too is still searching for his own style. Smith would benefit from the challenge of a more mature partner, and so too, I think, would Rebello.

Clive Davis

OPERA

Eugene Onegin
Playhouse, Edinburgh

David Pountney's production of *Eugene Onegin*, first seen at the Edinburgh Festival nine years ago, has certainly worked hard to pay its keep, both when touring with Scottish Opera, and when on loan to Opera North. Now, it seems, it has come home to roost.

The casting of Sergei Leiferkus as Onegin and the young Polish soprano Joanna Kozlowska as Tatyana was an auspicious move; but the production can no longer show them off to best advantage. This revival, by Ceri Sherlock, is cool to the point of detachment, understated to the point of being sluggish.

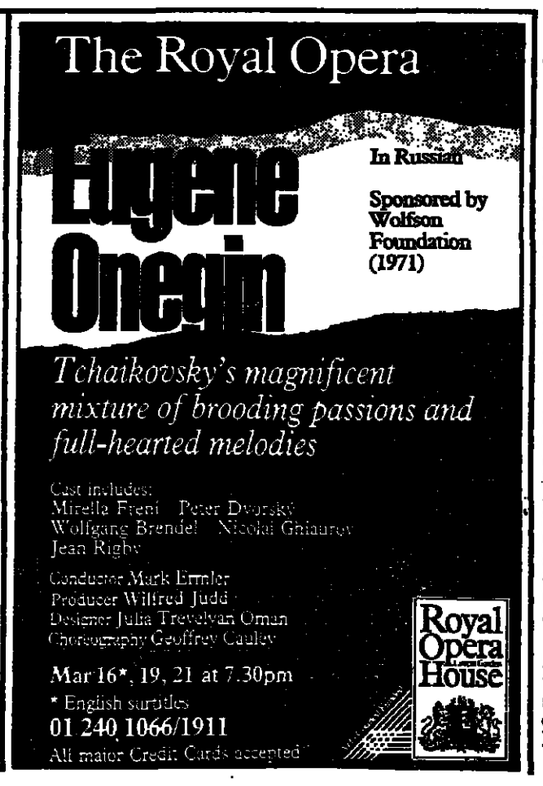
Kozlowska's ringing, youthful soprano is such an unmitigated joy to listen to that one longs for it to dance into the full momentum of the Letter Scene. But both the bodily and vocal yearning, which Eilene Hannan so memorably brought to the role at Opera North, is missing; the sense of tension and body language between Tatyana and Onegin is almost non-existent.

Leiferkus certainly looks the part; and his voice is as well groomed as his physique. He finds the ironic detachment in the role, but leaves it there: his vocal resources remain untapped and we can only await further revelation in his autumn *Tosca* with Scottish Opera. Anthony Roden's Lensky is firmly sung, though never quite shaped by the nostalgia and idealism in which Tchaikovsky soaks his writing.

Sir Alexander Gibson follows the staging in spacious, at times over-relaxed pacing, but draws fine playing from his orchestra in the process. There is much to enjoy, too, in the remaining vignettes: Fiona Kimm's confident, girlish Olga, Menai Davies's Filipyevna, a refreshingly un-crone-ish reading, John Tranter's stalwart Gremin and Hugh Hetherington's properly Gallic Triquet.

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A SPECIAL REPORT

Despite the uncertainty after the stock-market crash, buy-outs are again starting to happen

New million-pound deals on the way

The days of quick returns on buy-outs are over. But it is not all doom and gloom, says Lawrence Lever

Dark clouds of uncertainty are hovering over the management buy-out scene in Britain at the moment. The heady days of 1987 when more than £3 billion was reckoned to have been poured into MBOs were rudely interrupted by the stock market crash.

This, along with fears that we might be entering a recessionary period, have undoubtedly contributed to a sluggishness in the market, particularly in the case of the larger MBOs.

While prices in the quoted sector have fallen dramatically, public companies which might be expected to sell unwanted subsidiaries to their management have not lowered their price expectations in line with the fall in their own share price.

"The problem at the moment," says Dr Mike Wright, at the Nortingham University Centre for Management Buy-out Research, "is that there are subsidiaries still for sale and management wanting to buy, but the vendors want pre-October 1987 prices."

And who can blame the public company vendors? October 1987 showed them that while their trading performance and prospects might be excellent, the stock market can still slice 30 per cent off their market capitalization.

Stephen Curran, deputy chief executive of MBO specialists Candover Investments, says: "Whereas we and others are looking for a reduction in prices commensurate with the post October 1987 position and a possible recession, vendors see bulging order books, rising profits, and are not prepared to consider the reduction in prices we are looking at."

The corollary of a depressed stock market is that the quick returns that have been seen on those buy-outs which, within a short time scale, have been floated as independently quoted companies, are no longer as readily achievable.

In short, the exit route for investors in an MBO via a stock market listing, has receeded on the horizon.

This has already caused problems. "There were a number of buy-outs which necessitated and were predicated on an early listing on the stockmarket," Mr Curran says. Some of these are looking for lifebelts.

Derek Sach of Investors in Industry, the UK's largest source of venture capital, says: "There are some buy-outs which had to float which are going the circuit and their backers don't know what to do with them".

Fears of a recession might dissipate like cotton wool clouds. However, while they are here, the uncertainty must affect the degree of reliance that MBO investors can place on the cash flow projections that companies make.

Cash flow is vital because it services the large debt element which often goes into the funding of MBOs, particularly with the bigger buy-outs.

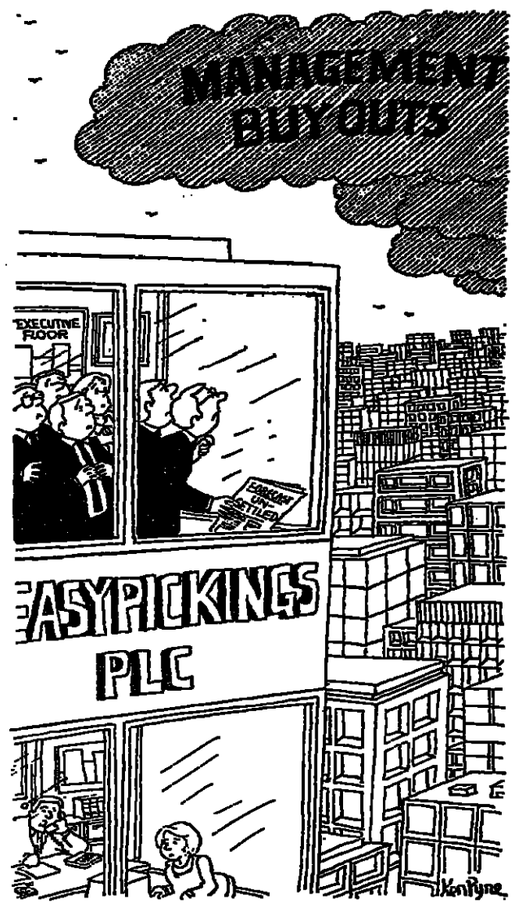
Much will depend on the market

Some people think that the recessionary fears will lead to a restructuring of the way MBO deals are put together. Geoff Westmore, head of the MBO team at accountants Deloitte Haskins & Sells, says:

"My impression is that there is now more emphasis on equity than debt, that gearing ratios have come down slightly since the crash. "This trend will reverse itself if people become more confident in the economy."

" If the economic fears do not recede then the gloomy prediction of one venture capitalist who wishes to remain anonymous is: "There are a number of organizations who set themselves up in the MBO market on an opportunistic basis who may well have to close their doors.

"These include some large banks that set up units with relatively inexperienced people who needed to do a deal to show they were in the market and did them on a basis which was not sound."



But it is not all gloom and doom. Robert Smith, the ebullient managing director of Charterhouse Development Capital, says that over the last few weeks potential MBO deals have slowly started to re-emerge. They are not the £100 million-plus deals but they are large; ie, tens of millions.

Moreover, the small deals, those for a few million pounds, are still coming through. At the smaller end of the market, prices have come down because there is less money at stake. A vendor might be prepared to accept a 25 per cent cut in a £5 million sale, but would be more reluctant in a £100 million one.

So Derek Sach at 3i reports that his company is still averaging two buy-outs a week They are small but the flow is there. And the stockmarket crash has seen off many of the trade buyers – at least for the moment.

Last year publicly quoted trade buyers often outbid an MBO proposal by offering its highly rated paper.
Derek Sach says: "Last summer we were losing one buy-out in three to trade buyers who would come along and offer highly rated paper. We are not losing as many now."
The fall in the market has also thrown up new opportunities for the buy-out specialists. For instance, Mike Smith of Citicorp Venture Capital, confidently expects that there will be a number of "privatizations" for MBO specialists to get their teeth into.

"Privatizations" in this sense does not mean government flotations of public assets. It means the management of public companies literally taking them private.

Mike Smith says: "There are a number of managers of public companies who have done some really outstanding jobs turning those companies around over several years, only to see October 19 come along and be told that their company is now worth 30 per cent less than last week."

Mr Smith claims to be discussing a number of potential privatizations with public companies and to have talked with some of the large institutional shareholders that invest in them.
Much will depend on how the stockmarket goes. If it goes nowhere, then some public-company managers, having seen their once valuable share-option incentives plummet in value, and perhaps experiencing difficulty in issuing new shares to finance acquisitions, might wonder about the value of a public listing.

They may well seek the more comfortable environment of the private company, where they can concentrate on running their company and avoid the public company necessities of briefing analysts, making announcements and fending off unwelcome shareholders.

From the institutional shareholders' point of view privatisations might make eminent sense.

One lesson of the stockmarket crash is that there are an enormous number of small public companies, with no real, liquid, market in their shares. "A lot of shareholders locked into small listed companies where there is no market in the shares will rather have their cash," says Robert Smith of Charterhouse.

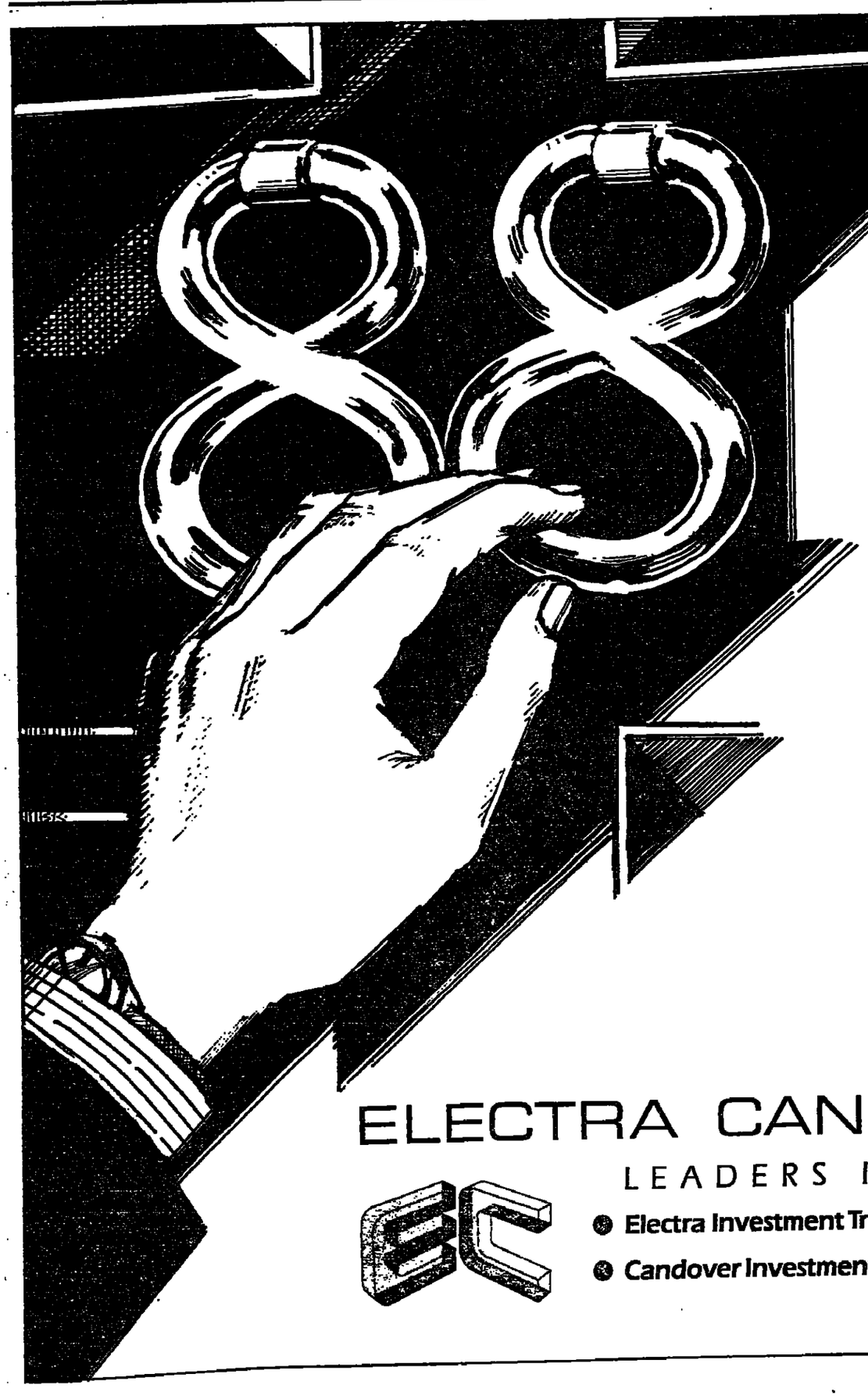
Another positive aspect to the MBO market is that money available for them is not about to dry up.
There is still an enormous ammount of money which has been earmarked to go into MBOs but has not yet been used up. And the captive players, those who are subsidiaries of banks, will always have the money available to finance good deals.
In the final analysis no-one really knows what is going to happen to the MBO market. Even the pundits disagree.

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Where the money comes from when it's needed fast

Management buy-outs, a rarity before the 1980s, are now a familiar aspect of the enterprise culture. There are some several hundred a year, from small firms to large quoted companies, and they have become a proven way of revitalizing businesses of all sizes.

The value of such buy-outs last year was £3.25 billion, nearly three times more than in 1985. Of the 1,500 companies that changed hands last year, an estimated 335 were management buy-outs.

There have been some huge deals, the biggest being the £718 million buy-out from Asda of the MFI furniture stores and including the simultaneous acquisition of Hygena, the kitchen-bedroom unit maker. Three other deals in 1987 — International Leisure Group, Wickes, and Hays — totalled £531 million.

Finance for these big deals came from innovative techniques and several large buy-out funds. Though the impact of these funds in 1986 was considered disappointingly low, their ability to respond quickly to opportunities with substantial funds was much in evidence during 1987.

While venture capitalists may be keen to back the right management buy-out, the question to be asked is: does the management concerned know enough about the venture-capital industry to find the best sources and negotiate a good deal?

Robert Ashby, chairman of venture-capital sponsors Robert Ashby, says:"For the management involved, the buy-out of their company is likely to be a once-in-a-life-time event. Their business and expertise is managing their company. Structuring a buy-out deal is, temporarily, a full-time exercise, and it is not cost-effective, or indeed beneficial to the company, for the management to take the exercise alone. Short cuts will have to be taken, and inevitably mistakes can be made. Expert advice is therefore crucial at all stages of the deal. The first decision to be made is whether the deal is feasible. It may seem infinitely preferable to redundancy, if that is the only other option, but management buy-outs are not a solution to ailing companies in a saturated market place where competition has outstripped them and there is not significant growth opportunity.

"Fundamental to any management buy-out is finance, and no fund will back a project which does not offer reasonable returns on its investment. It is therefore essential that the buy-out is being considered for the right reasons."

Typically, buy-out discussions are in the first place with key managers, such as the chief executive and financial directors. Invariably, the nucleus of the team, for example those who will have a seat on the new holding company board, will number between two and six.

In the psychology of management buy-out negotiations it is always important to stress that a management team involved in a buy-out will have to have a leader, who will become either chairman or managing director.

Derek Sach of Investors in Industry says: "While the whole management team may be keen and motivated — and one of the stimulating aspects of our job is to witness and be part of this keenness — it is not possible to run a company by committee; there has to be a boss and, in most instances, this is understood,"



The Deloitte, Haskins & Sells team (from left): Pam Goldsmith, Mike Mason, Geoff Westmore, Howard Kingsbury and Pam Jackson

Geoff Westmore, the partner in charge of management buy-outs at Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, points out there is another problem in that management teams are frequently determined to involve a much larger number than six employees in the buy-out.

He says: "The present tax regime does not lend itself easily to introducing large numbers of participants into a management buy-out while at the same time preserving the comparatively beneficial tax position that may be available to core members of the team."

Inland Revenue have announced that changes will be made in the legislation governing participation in buy-outs. Geoff Westmore says:"These changes may increase the chances of managers suffering a change to income tax at higher rates on their buy-out shares, rather than capital gains tax. The need for managers to get early advice has therefore been made more urgent."

Michael Hatfield

Talking spin-offs, kickers and exits

The growth in management buy-outs has brought in its wake its own jargon, baffling to the layman, but understood by financial concerns and a growing number of businessmen.

Here is a glossary of some of the terms.

● Equity kicker: Rights, warrants or options granted to a lender to take up a portion of the equity. Frequently used with less "senior" debt such as *mezzanine finance.*

● Exit: The first opportunity for equity investors to realize their investment either in cash or marketable securities. Generally by sale or flotation.

● Internal rate of return (IRR): The annualized compound percentage return on an equity investment, comprising running yield, proceeds of realizations or redemptions and the carrying value of marketable securities.

● Junk bonds: The common Americanism for *mezzanine finance*, junk bonds were originally developed for companies with lower credit ratings and have become a significant part of financing *LBOs* in the United States.

● Leveraged buy-out (LBO): "Leveraged" is an Americanism meaning geared or financed with borrowings. Because both *MBOs* and *LBOs* are often financed with substantial amounts of debt, the terms are usually interchangeable.

● Management buy-out (MBO): The acquisition of a business in such a way that the incumbent management receives a potentially significant share of the equity.

● Management buy-in: Similar to a management buy-out in structure, except that a new management team is put in by the backers of the acquisition.

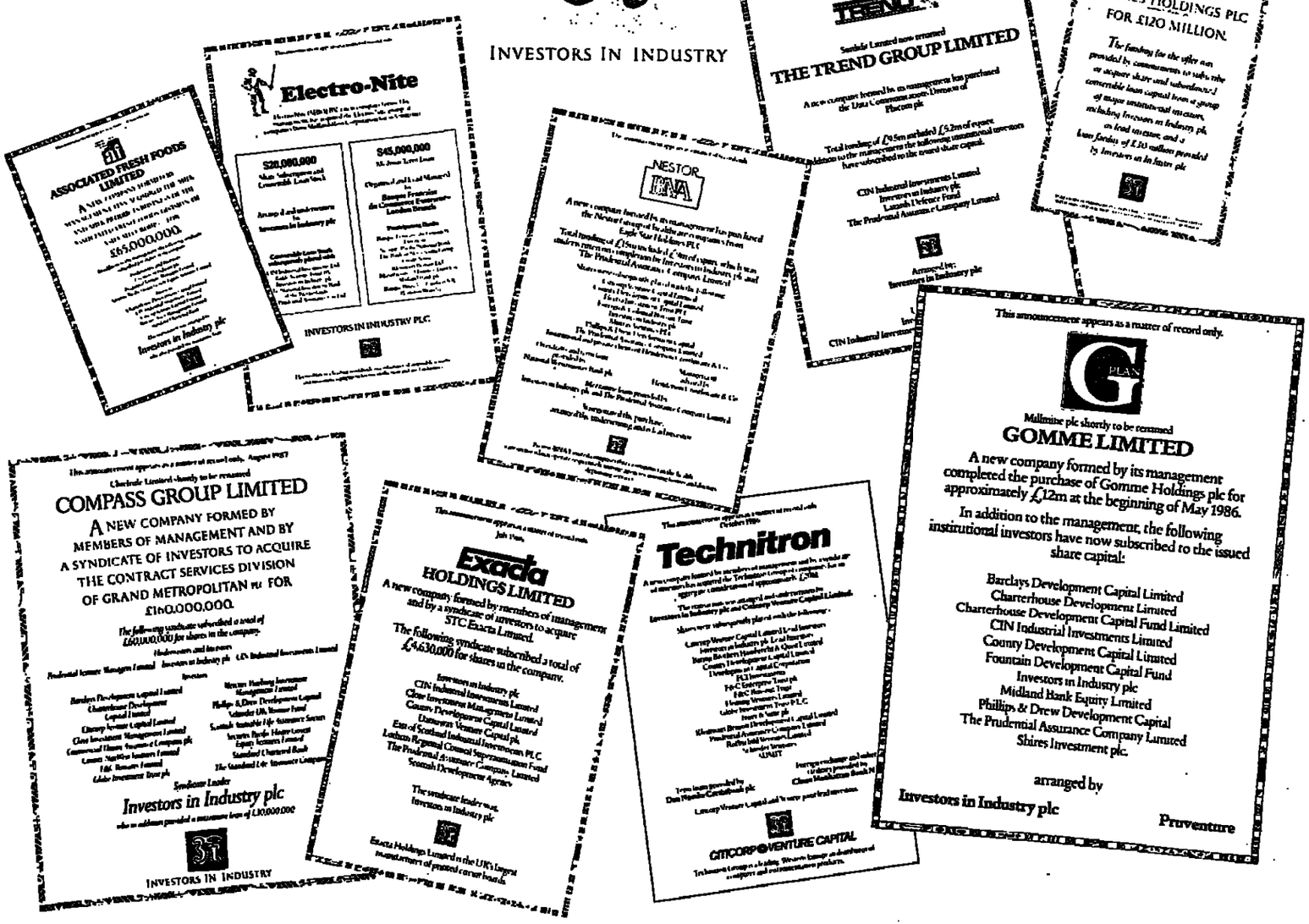
● Mezzanine finance: Debt, often unsecured, which ranks after more conventional debt and therefore carries a greater degree of risk for the lender. It usually has a fixed interest rate and a right to equity participation.

● Ratchet: A mechanism for giving the management team an incentive to improve results by adjusting its percentage of the equity in line with a pre-determined scale related to performance.

● Section 79: Section 79 of the Finance Act 1972 under which the acquisition of shares in a company by virtue of employment is heavily taxed.

● Spin-off: A buy-out whereby the vendor company retains a paternal interest in the business, often by an equity stake and a supportive commercial relationship.

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What the team has to pay

The investment made by a management needs on the one hand to be large enough for the team to demonstrate a commitment to the purchase and, on the other, low enough to ensure that there is an acceptable return available to the institutional shareholders, *writes Michael Hatfield.*

A typical investment by the management team in all but the smallest or largest buy-outs might be £200,000. The amount contributed by individuals can range from £10,000 to £300,000, but on average each member of a buy-out team might expect to have to raise between say £25,000 and £50,000.

The reaction of many managers is that, without taking on unduly onerous second mortgages, the investment required would be well beyond their means.

Geoff Westmore, in charge of management buy-outs at Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, commented: "As buy-outs have become better known and gained a reputation for being highly successful, more and more sources of personal finance are becoming available. In our experience, managers are usually able to raise sufficient finance without suffering undue hardship."

As the venture-capital industry has expanded, who to approach to achieve the backing necessary has become more difficult as the choice become wider. How to identify the best source becomes a leading question.

Robert Ashby, of the venture-capital sponsors, counsels against the "buckshot" approach in the hope that, by the law of averages, at least a few will match up with the company profile and show interest in the deal.

He says: "This is both time-wasting and unproductive, as a selection process is vital so that approaches can be individually tailored. A good specialist company or sponsor will have immediate access to all available sources of finance, and personal contacts among the majority of them, and who will be able to identify which are the most suitable for each individual deal."

Once the right investors have been decided upon, the next stage is creating a financial structure that suits both the buy-out team and the backers. Buy-outs are occasionally set up as partnerships, but it is much more usual to establish a limited company, frequently referred to as "Newco"

The money which will be available to Newco to buy out the company comes in three forms.

● Equity: Equity is held in the form of ordinary share capital, which gives ownership to the company and bears the ultimate risk if it should fail. Different shareholders may have different rights attached to the ordinary shares.

● Shares: Usually redeemable or convertible into ordinary shares.

● Debt: Debt comes in several forms, of which the most usual are: bank overdraft/medium term loan, loan stock, unconvertible or convertible into ordinary shares, and secured or unsecured against company assets.

The financial structure is a balance of equity and debt designed for three purposes: to provide enough capital to buy the company and finance the development of the business; to enable the management team to acquire a substantial stake in the business; and repay investors for the risk they are taking with their money through interest payments, capital gains and dividends.

Meeting all these objectives often results in a high ratio of debt to equity. The burden of high gearing can be reduced by the backers providing part of the capital in the form of preference shares, which rank behind trade creditors, bank loans and loan stock holders.

In compensation, however, they will command special rights such as conversion or redemption entitlements, and possibly a formula which will increase the backers ultimate shareholding if the company does not grow as expected.

Another consequence of high gearing is a heavy burden of interest, which can cut seriously into profits and inhibit the expansion of the business in the early stages.

This makes accurate assessment of the company's total financial requirements, including working capital, as well as the purchase price, very important. It is also a reason for identifying cash or surplus assets in the business itself which can be used for keeping borrowings down.

Ten to 100 per cent of equity is possible

One aspect of buy-out negotiations that often surprises managers is that the amount of their investment is not particularly sensitive to changes in the structure. However, the percentage of the equity that they acquire for their investment is likely to be the subject of much negotiation and fine-tuning.

Thus for a total investment of, say, £200,000, managers could expect to get anything from 10 per cent to 100 per cent of the equity, depending on the size and other considerations of the deal.

However, if the financiers propose that the management get say 20 per cent of the equity for an investment of £200,000 it is unlikely that they would get very much more than that if their investment was doubled to £400,000.

A common benefit of buy-outs is that the opportunity exists of introducing incentives for all members of management and staff to improve their performance. This is frequently achieved by the use of share option schemes, particularly those approved under the 1984 Finance Act, and most financiers will actively encourage providing for employees when structuring the buy-out.

In a typical buy-out structure, management might receive, say, 20 per cent of the equity votes but only put up 2 per cent of the consideration represented by equity.

This gearing-up of the value of management's shareholding can be achieved only by giving management and the institutional investors different types of shares.

A complex footwear deal that narrowly escaped a slip-up

Disentangling the elements in an £80 m acquisition set some tricky problems

All management buy-outs present complexities, but there were so many involved in one of Britain's biggest that it barely reached the starting line.

The Leicester-based United Machinery Group (UMG), the world's largest maker and supplier of footwear-manufacturing machinery, had in its pre-acquisition form a large network of operations around the world, all with varying organizational and legal bases, with the added complication of a grossly out-of-date plant in the United States.

For the buy-out team of four the most difficult part was carrying through the initial £80 million acquisition from Emhart, the US-based conglomerate with a $2 billion-a-year turnover.

The members of the team were John Foster, Neville Burton, Richard Bates and Laurence Dowley. They had decided to make the move because Emhart was starting to move out of capital-goods businesses into consumer markets.

Mr Foster, who is managing director of UMG, recalled: "By early 1987 the paperwork had mounted into tons and the early 1987 completion date at which we were aiming had to be put back. We started to think we would never make it."

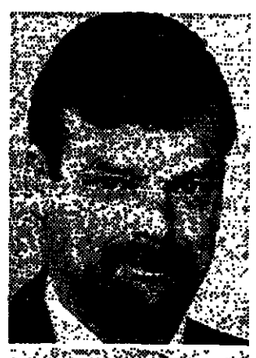
After that, they spent several months visiting the plants and marketing units in nearly 20 countries to introduce themselves. They expect to be still tying up legal details until about the end of this year.

What had made the buy-out so tricky was not only the wide geographical spread but the way in which Emhart operated.

In Emhart's footwear division was not only the shoe-machinery business but footwear-materials manufacturing and supply. It meant disentangling these two elements before the footwear-machinery side could be acquired separately.

The two sides of the business in most locations shared not only sites but also staff and facilities, from mainframe computers to canteens and car parks. They also shared the majority of customers.







Shoe buy-out: the shop floor of UMG footwear-manufacturing machinery plant and two of the take-over team; Laurence Dowley (above) and Richard Bates

The manufacturing unit in Britain was at Leicester and known as British United Shoe Machinery of which Mr Foster and Mr Burton were directors. Mr Bates was part of the Emhart corporate team, being controller in West Germany, while Mr Dowley had been managing director of Emhart's corporate holding company for the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

After a series of transactions, some involving shares and others asset deals, the four-man team ended up

Operation has transformed in eight months

changing the locations of about half their operations.

In the US the manufacturing unit was badly dated so 2,000 tons of old forging dies were scrapped. A three-day auction of unwanted plant raised $1.3 million, funding a move to a 65,000 sq ft high-tech factory in a science park 20 miles from the former Massachusetts base. The whole operation had been transformed within eight months.

Mr Bates, who is finance director of UMG, said: "We have broken free from the shackles of a multi-product group run on financial criteria, so that we now run a single-industry business."

He added: "It has sharpened our perceptions of our company and industry, bringing a fresh, common spirit to the worldwide team."

The new regime has now produced its first major new machine, developed almost entirely since the buy-out and claimed to break the technological mould in footwear-making. Known as the ABC, it is said to be the world's first fully effective computer-controlled machine for automatic cementing of shoe bottoms to uppers.

It is seen as a step towards UMG's aim of producing a completely computer integrated shoe factory.

Mr Burton, who is UMG's production director, said: "UMG is already the biggest maker and supplier of shoe-making machinery. Now we want to be the most successful. We have already made massive inroads into markets by more aggressive marketing."

In the UK the company claims more than three-quarters of the market in footwear machinery. It has five manufacturing plants, with units in West Germany, Brazil and Taiwan. UMG scored a big promotional success last November in Portugal which is a big producer of footwear for world markets. At the FIPELE Expocuoro exhibition UMG set up a full production line which turned out 3,360 pairs of shoes over three days, stealing the show in the process.

Financing for the deal with Emhart came from Bankers Trust, which had put together a consortium of institutional investors and banks.

Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

INFORMATION

For information on those institutions and bodies which provide finance for buy-outs, here are two useful sources of information, *writes Lawrence Lever.*

Stoy Hayward, the accountancy firm, has just produced a 1988 edition of its *Sources of Venture and Development Capital in the United Kingdom*. Apart from being very useful and detailed it contains articles on management buy-outs, including a clear and simple guide.

● *Contact: Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA. Telephone 01.486 5888.*

The British Venture Capital Association also produces a directory of its members giving information on them and their investment preferences.

● *The BVCA Secretariat, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R, 2PS; 01-836 5702*

The 3is come up with the cash

Some call it conservative, others say it is downright boring, too much like a bank, but Investors in Industry, or 3i as it is known for short, is still the largest single provider of venture capital in this country, dwarfing all other paricipants.

In fact it describes itself in one of its promotional booklets as "the world's largest source of venture capital" having assets of £2.2 billion and 725 employees operating through 25 regional offices in the UK and five overseas.

It may lose deals to more colourful institutions willing to pay fancier prices, it may lose staff to its rivals (a training with 3i is regarded as an excellent pedigree) but it is still in the forefront of the market with financial clout not only to provide finance, but to underwrite large deals and later syndicate them in the market.

And underwriting deals, in other words guaranteeing that they will get the finance, can be a risky business in these volatile markets.

Indeed the stock market crash left 3i holding a very large baby indeed in the form of the Moores Furniture Group whose buy-out it had financed. It had intended syndicating most of the £30 million worth of shares with other players in the market but found no takers.

3i claims to have been involved in 12 out of the 29 buy-outs worth more than £10 million last year and to have led on five of them. Last autumn it backed its 750th buy-out.

Despite its willingness to underwrite entire deals, some people regard it as a rather conservative institution.

"We've always pursued a policy of only doing buy-outs which are capable of financing themselves, Derek Sach, a spokesman for the company, says. "Companies which have to get a listing or sell assets within 18 months we have tended to avoid.

"The vast majority of buy-outs change ownerships and go on running as private companies. It is only in the last two years where someone with an eye to the main chance could try to convert his £50,000 into £1 million.

"We are a long term investor, we get our returns on loans and on having a minority shareholding.

He says: "We don't have to push anyone to sell in a particular year, because we have 2,500 investments on our books".

An accepted and useful tool

With well over 1,000 management buy-outs in the United Kingdom so far, the MBO is now an established tool of corporate restructuring, *writes Michael Hatfield.*

This 1980s phenomenon of British business and industry has not only brought about the venture-capitalism culture but spawned a growing interest in what it is all about.

At Nottingham University, in the Department of Industrial Economics, Accountancy and Insurance, John Coyne and Mike Wright have been studying the development since 1981.

One of the latest insights to come from their Centre for Management buy-out Research is the dramatic changes that have taken place in buy-out teams.

Before 1983, changes in original management teams involved in the buy-outs represented 9.9 per cent of the total; during the period 1983-1985, 24 per cent of teams were bringing in outsiders.

The centre, at the Institute of Financial Studies, was founded in March 1986 with funding commitments of about £85,000 from Spicer & Oppenheim, the accountants and advisers to a number of MBO teams, and Barclays Development Capital, one of the initial MBO financing institutions.

John Coyne and Mike Wright became research directors and were joined by Ken Robbie, an economist and analyst with wide-ranging banking and industrial experience, as research fellow.

The centre is an independent research body which works closely with the leading participants in the buy-out market, and is part of the Nottingham Institute of Financial Studies, specializing in commissioned research and drawing on the expertise available within the university.

The centre has had several main tasks in its initial stages: the extension of the database and monitoring new ones; launching a big survey of MBOs, with particular emphasis on performance aspects; liaison with financial institutions; carrying out case studies on actual buy companies; examining special issues concerning MBO companies; and preparing material for publication either in specially commissioned reports of centre papers.

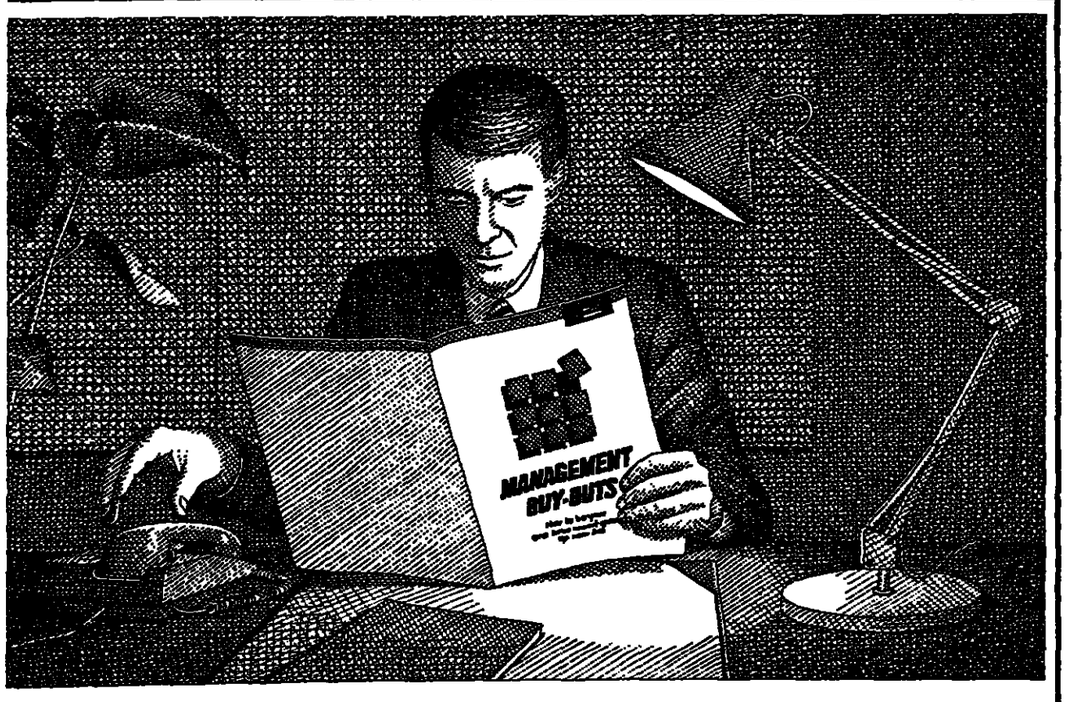
The centre has developed an extensive database of information on companies that have been bought out. The database is being continually extended and updated and has more than 1,500 companies listed.

HOW IT ALL ADDS UP

Period	Number of MBOs	Value (£m)	Average value (£m)
Pre-1982	202	210.2	1.04
1982	197	325.1	1.65
1983	189	304.8	1.61
1984	209	409.7	1.96
1985	225	1,104.0	4.33
1986	312	1,233.6	3.95
1987A	265	3,140.0	11.85
1987B	335	3,250.0	9.70

● Note: 1987A shows actual 1987 details recorded by the Centre for Management Buy-out Research; 1987B provides an estimate of the total deals for the year, including those for which information has not been generally made available. All other years show deals recorded by the centre as at end-December 1987

Source: Centre for Management Buy-out Research



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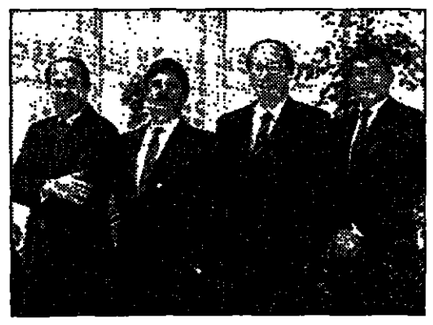
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When serious money talks

Michael Hatfield describes the £718 million buy-out of MFI

Buy-outs leapt into the "serious money" league last autumn when the managers of MFI, the furniture division of Asda-MFI, negotiated control of their company in a deal worth £718 million — four times the previous record for a management buy-out.

Could the first-ever £1 billion deal just be round the corner?

Robert Smith, the Charterhouse Group banker who masterminded the MFI buy-out, says: "Anything is possible. The *Wall Street Journal* called our deal Britain's first billion dollar buy-out. It cannot be long before we have a billion pound one."

It was in October that MFI's management, headed by the chairman, Derek Hunt, announced that agreement had been reached on a buy-out of the company, to be renamed the MFI Furniture Group. Part of the deal also included buying, in a simultaneous acquisition, Hygena, the kitchen and bedroom unit maker.

A consortium of City institutions provided the bulk of a £190 million equity package, while an international banking group, headed by Chemical Bank, provided £485 million of loans.

In addition, the banks put up £35 million worth of working capital.

With the institutions taking up nearly 60 per cent of the equity, the remainder was shared among Asda, which paid £52 million to retain a 25 per cent stake in MFI; Malcolm Healey, owner of Hygena, with 10 per cent; Chemical Bank, which took 5 per cent in payment for an interest free loan, and the MFI management.

The deal involved an unusually large number of MFI managers. A total of 350 took an initial holding of 3 per cent, though this will increase to 10 per cent if targets are met, and up to 26.25 per cent if they are exceeded. The other shareholders will be scaled down if they are exceeded.

Individual commitment ranged from between £200 and £3,000 from the store managers up to £80,000 from Mr Hunt.

Robert Smith, a fast-talking Scot who has been waving the management buy-out flag for sometime, joined Charterhouse Development Capital as managing director in 1985, and has worked in venture and development capital for 20 years, previously with Investors in Industry and the Royal Bank of Scotland.

After getting to know MFI through a careful scrutiny of profits, cash-flow forecasts and potential value at the time of flotation, Mr Smith realized there was a blot on the horizon.

He said: "I was nervous to see that 45 per cent of everything sold by MFI was made by Hygena, and Hygena was agitated because 98 per cent of its output was sold to one customer which was about to be sold." But at this time there were no plans to buy Hygena.

Mr Smith admits he lost a little sleep over the enormous task that lay ahead: he had to raise £700 million and, more importantly, in a way that MFI could afford.

"But then," he added, "I realized that the Hygena deal was the master stroke because its good cash-flow would be supportive for servicing the group's debt."

The final financial package, drawn up by the US finance house, Chemical Bank, struck Mr Smith as the most likely to support MFI through its first years before its flotation in three years time.

It included a sweetener that Mr Smith believes will appear in other deals of this size, in the shape of a three-year interest-free £50 million loan in return for a 5 per cent equity "kicker".

It will help to keep costs down and "a debt/equity ratio at 2.5:1 for a deal of this size was quite high enough," he said.

Mr Smith is wary of the US habit of taking on a lot of debt to ensure higher returns for equity investors should the new company succeed. In fact, many haven't, according to him, as they have been smothered by insurmountable debt repayment costs.

Another interest-free loan for £155 million over 12 months guaranteed by Chemical Bank but issued by Hygena's owner, Malcolm Healey, helped to cut at least £20 million off the first year's interest bills.

"The MFI deal shows that really big MBOs can be done," Robert Smith said. "New very big divisions of companies will start considering organising buy-outs."

However, the MFI deal was done close to the October 1987 market crash which sparked off rumours that several institutions were pulling out and therefore putting the whole deal in jeopardy. This did not happen, although a number of institutions scaled down the level of their commitment.



Derek Hunt, right, MFI's chairman, with Ken Green, and right Robert Smith, the Charterhouse Group banker

On the road-show with a finger in the pie

With competition fierce in the MBO business, the financial institutions have devised a number of strategems to attract potential clients. Investors in Industry has had a travelling road-show touring the country to publicise the services it can offer to potential clients, *writes Michael Hatfield.*

Its first trip was down the "M4 corridor", high-tech and engineering country, with the prospect of many clients in this particular booming sector. It seems to have paid off.

One of their clients was at the end of the corridor, in Cardiff, where they were approached by three managers who wanted to buy out the computer company of Peter's Savoury Products, more well-known for its pies and sausages than microchips and control systems.

The three managers, John Phillips (now managing director), Steve Hudd (chairman) and Les Seaton (technical director), earlier this year bought Industrial Electronic Automation Ltd, one of the biggest suppliers of computer control systems in South Wales, the financial backing coming from Investors in Industry and bank loans.

Based in the Cardiff Bay Development, the seven-year-old company employs 21 people, and its managing director, John Phillips, said: "The company's expansion programme in the next three years will bring another 20 jobs to this area."

Peter's Savoury Products had acquired IEA after it had done some work for them, but clearly it was on the periphery of the company's operations and the three managers seized the opportunity to buy it when it was available so that they could develop its potential.

IEA offers a complete consultancy-to-commissioning service in supplying process and production control systems to businesses across all sectors of industry.

John Phillips said: "We have developed what is believed to be the first genuine work station computer, the Dialog SE. Managers are often faced with mountains of paper work and usually end up with inaccurate data.

"Dialog provides reliable and readily available information on all aspects of plant efficiency, production and yields, and so, at the end of the day, service to improve the quality of decision-making."

The company has won contracts from Reed International and is now installing a Dialog System for the Welsh Water Authority to monitor and control trade waste being discharged into the sea.

John Phillips said: "Dialog monitors tanker loads and provides accurate information on where the waste is collected from. The system will not allow any unauthorized companies to discharge waste through the pipeline. This is the most advanced system of its kind now available in Europe."

Richard Harbottle, of Investors in Industry, said: "Inner city companies, like the IEA, are of tremendous importance in changing the infrastructure of the local economy and promoting growth in this region."

To help encourage owners of young businesses in inner city areas, Investors in Industry, launched a £10 million Inner City Fund last October. Mr Harbottle said: "IEA is a good example of how we can use this fund to help managers acquire or expand their business."



One of the 3i company's Enterprise Roadshows. This year's first visit will be to Guildford, Surrey, on April 13, the next to Watford, Hertfordshire, on April 20

About 90 per cent succeed

Not all management buy-outs turn out to be immediate success stories, but the long-term failure rate is estimated to be about one in 10, *writes Michael Hatfield.*

An early success is that of Premier Brands, one of the country's largest independent food companies, which started trading in May 1986 after what was then the largest MBO in the British food industry. The consideration paid to Cadbury for its food and beverage division was £97million, plus a 10 per cent share option in Premier Brands, to be exercised at the time of flotation.

Sales have increased from £300 million at the time of the buy-out to £370 million, and the number of employees has risen from 4,500 to more than 6,000. Some of its achievements include a trading profit increasing from (1985 pre-Premier) of £6.6 million to a first-half return in 1987 of £10.5 million, borrowings halved to £46 million in the first 12 months, and a wide range of products being reformulated, re-packaged or re-designed.

The company's acquisitions include Melroses, Glengettie Tea, Ridgways, British Fish Canners, Newtime Foods and the Jersey Trading Company.

One that won the big headlines

A management buy-out that caught the headlines was Compass Group, which emerged from Grand Metropolitan last year in a £163 million management buy-out and recently announced its first figures, which show a pre-tax profit of £17.3 million — more than double the previous year's £8.4 million.

The biggest ever buy-out deal until overtaken by MFI, enabled the division of Grand Metropolitan, which employs 24,000 people, to be launched independently as the Compass Group, taking its name from the biggest part of the business, Compass Services, the catering contracting company. It is one of the top 300 United Kingdom Companies.

The five-man management team invested a total of £250,000 for a 6.5 per cent shareholding, which may rise to about 20 per cent if they meet performance targets.

The financial package was arranged by Investors in Industry through a mixture of £60 million in equity and £100 million in debt.

Investors in Industry is supplying £70 million, while Prudential Venture Managers and CIN Industrial Investments chipped in £29 million each. In addition NatWest is heading a syndicate providing bank finance.

Factors in favour of a buy-out were the fact that the division was only half way through its recovery programme, which left continuing potential for growth; the nature of the contracting business as a powerful generator of cash; and the apparent desire of rival trade buyers to acquire only part of the business.



Gerry Robinson, chief executive of the Compass Group. His team had "an ability to move quickly"

But as Gerry Robinson, former chief executive of the division and now occupying the same role in the Compass Group, said at the time, "Clearly our knowledge of the companies within the division and our ability to move very quickly and to ask for a very limited guarantee because we have been running it, meant that we had probably the inside track."

One estimate is that within three years Compass could be on the stock market with a value of £500 million. *Michael Hatfield*

Three major rules for a buy-out

Those involved in the buy-out of a business will advise management buy-out teams of three important considerations when they acquire the business.

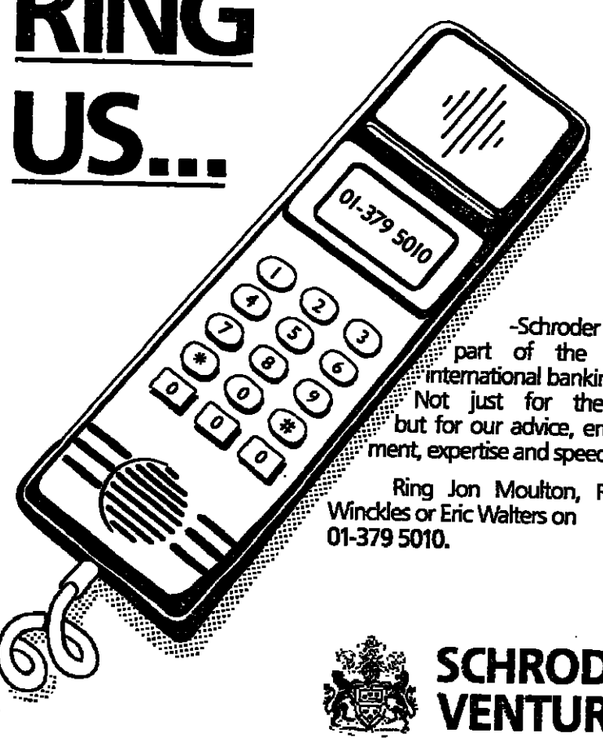
● **Financial controls: A good cash management system is essential. Even well-tried systems should be reviewed to see if they meet the changed needs of the business..**

● **Replacing group services: These might include personnel, company secretary, training pensions, market research, property management, export finance, marketing or advertising. The new management may be able to contract some out to independent specialists or even to their old group, but some may have to be provided by the new company.**

● **Reviewing the organization: It is important to establish new management responsibilities, communicate changes to employees, and make sure there are effective reporting and monitoring procedures as soon as possible.**

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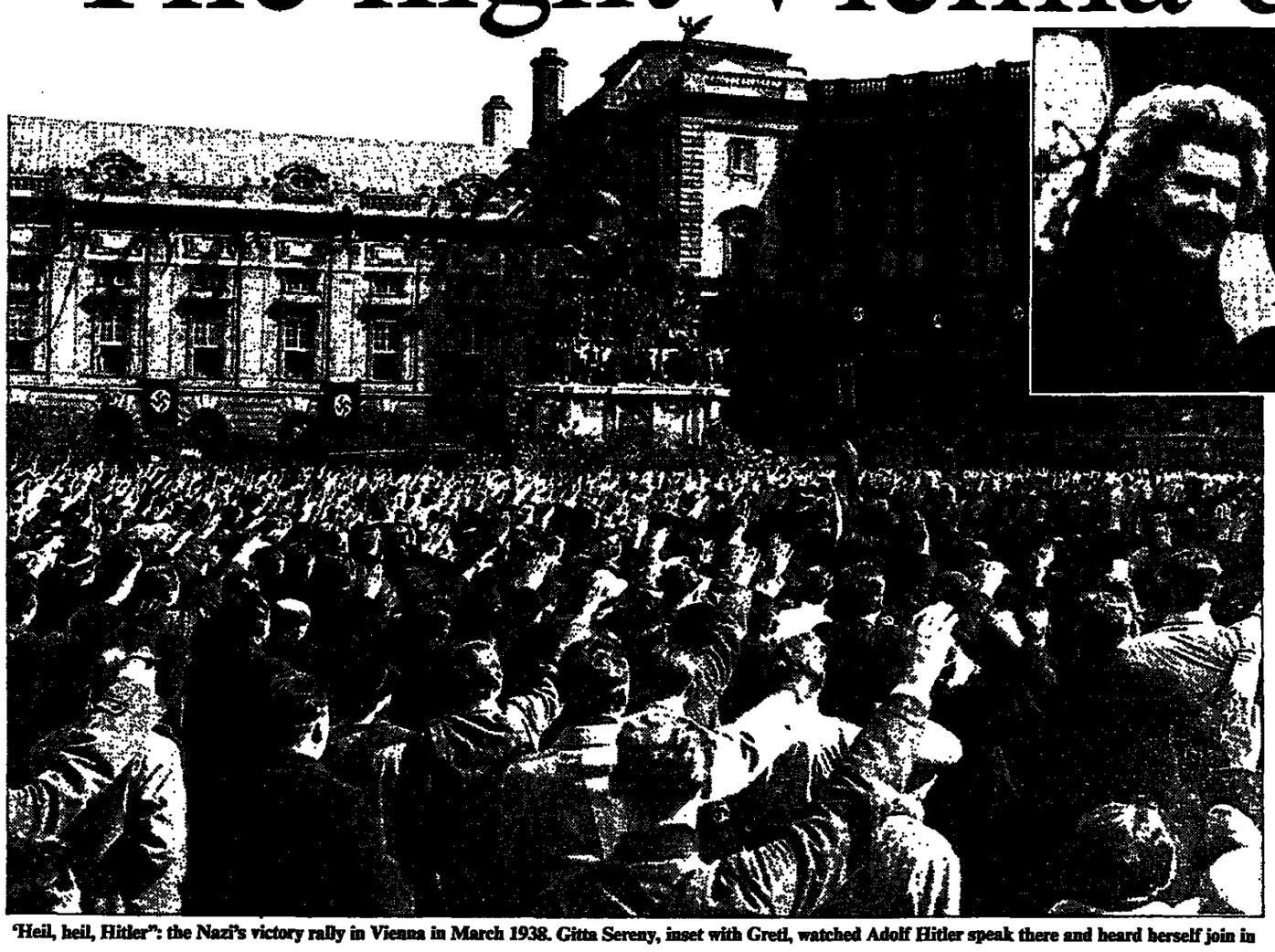
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MONDAY PAGE

The night Vienna died

Fifty years ago today, Gitta Sereny, then a 15-year-old student, heard Hitler speak at a Viennese hotel. Last week she returned to the city where she truly grew up





'Heil, heil, Hitler": the Nazi's victory rally in Vienna in March 1938. Gitta Sereny, inset with Gretl, watched Adolf Hitler speak there and heard herself join in

There is a strange resemblance for me between those March days in Vienna in 1938, and the same days this week, 50 years later. The Viennese character — a peculiar mixture of joy and melancholy, charm and malice, froth and depth, was as deeply at odds then as it is now.

On March 12, when German troops came into Vienna, I was one day away from my 15th birthday, a student at the "Reinhardt Seminar" — the Max Reinhardt School of Drama. I was Protestant, there were of course students at the school who were Jews but I had no idea, then, who.

At my secondary school, the remarkably liberal and wealthy "Real Gymnasium Luithlen", there had been 13 Jewish children, eight Catholics and 12 Protestants in our class of 33 ten-year-olds. "But we never noticed any difference did we?" asked Inge when four of us met again last week in Vienna.

I read to them from a diary lent to me by Franzi, a Jewish Luithlen girl, who has lived in London since the summer of 1938. "March 9, 1938: School; afterwards listened to Schuschnigg (the Austrian chancellor); he announced a referendum for Sunday for a free, independent Austria. YES!" "Friday March 11: School; Schuschnigg abdicates; German troops are already marching in; 'Mutti' nervous collapse; torch-light parade."

It was after I read of how her Catholic banker uncle, afraid of losing his job, had divorced her Jewish aunt; of how the Jewish Luithlen girls left Vienna — Franzi too, alone, leaving her mother and aunt, who would not go because there was an old grandmother — only after I had told them that they were all killed, that Nora, who was and is Franzi's special friend, said, "Well yes, my father did join the party", and Edith said yes, hers did too.

"March 28", wrote Franzi in her diary, "School; the teachers have to say Heil Hitler . . ." But some of them never did. Hilde Hoefert, professor of French at Luithlen, kept open house for Jewish students every day until they left and then although penniless, she left herself for France where she worked for the Maquis, in greatest danger, until 1945. *And did my friends know, I asked them,* that the headmistress, Frau Direktor Fabian, kept three Jewish children whose parents were deported, hidden in her flat for three years? No, they didn't know. Unknown Viennese heroines.

My oldest friend was Gretl, whose mother also became a heroine, as we will presently see. Gretl and I met last week too, with tales of children, our childhood and of course, Waldheim: he must go, they all say, not because he actually did anything but because he lied about knowing things and — as Gretl, who is very honest, said — because "he was found out".

In the autumn of 1938, Gretl's mother went to court to ask for a divorce and sole rights over the two children. For years her husband had hidden from her, and everyone else of course, that he, who had made his living from wealthy Jews who bought his furs, had been an active illegal Nazi. "Your Honour," she said to the judge in that open court in Nazi Vienna, "I do not want my children to be educated by that Nazi swine or ever see him again." Extraordinarily enough, she got the divorce and the children and did *not get into trouble for what she had said.* In 1943 when her son Hansl came on leave from the eastern front, she said she wasn't having her son die for those pigs. And he drank a large cup of hot goosefat she rendered for him: it gave him hepatitis and he was out of the army.

A heroine. Two years later, when the Russians came, they threw Gretl's father out of the sixth-floor window of their old flat. Gretl's mother picked him up off the street. "I'm not going to leave my children's father unburied even though he was a Nazi pig," she told the Russians. Still a heroine. She died of cancer in the 1970s.

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At 7.50pm on Friday, March 11 Austria ceased to exist. At 9.30pm Elfie, my best friend and a fellow drama student who, two years later would become the star of German musicals and films, phoned me. Could I meet her at the Johann Strauss statue in the park, she whispered. "Why are you whispering?" I asked her — idiotically, as I would find out. "Come," she said and hung up.

While I waited for Elfie in the deserted "Stadtpark" I heard, coming from the Operaring (I later learned) that sound for the first time: that rhythmic sound of many feet, that rhythmic shout of many voices, and then — those words I had never heard before and couldn't quite make out from that distance: *"Deutschland erwache. Juda verrecke"* (Germany awake, Jewry perish).

When Elfie arrived we found ourselves standing stiffly still in the dark, listening. Then, "My father," she said and stopped. Suddenly, in a flash I realized I knew nothing about her father. "What's the matter with your father?" I asked, and I really don't know why, grotesquely as it turned out, added: "Is he Jewish?" She turned to me: "*Jewish?*" she asked. "*Jewish?*" she repeated. And then she began to laugh, a shrill sound, hysteria I now know, but didn't then. "No," she said then. "He isn't Jewish: he is a Nazi. They told me tonight, he's been an 'illegal' for years."

On March 13, my 15th birthday, not to be celebrated that year, Elfie and I walked around Vienna all day. On the Graben, one of Vienna's loveliest streets near my home, we came upon a scene of fear. Guarded by a man in brown uniform with swastika armbands — with a large gaping group, many of them laughing, watching — a dozen people, men and women, were on their knees washing the pavement with toothbrushes. In horror, I recognized one of the cleaners as Dr Berggrun, the paediatrician who had saved my life when I had diphtheria at four. He saw me start towards the man in brown; he shook his head and mouthed, "No" while continuing to work his toothbrush. I asked the soldier what they were doing; were they mad? "How dare you," he shouted. "Are you a Jew?" "No, and how dare you," I said, and told him that one of the men they were humiliating was a great doctor, a saver of lives. "Is this what you call our liberation?" Elfie called out to all of them. Within two minutes, the crowd had dispersed, the guards had gone, the "street cleaners" had got up and gone away. "Never do that again," Dr Berggrun said to us, severely. "It is very dangerous for you." They gassed him in Sobibor. "March 14," wrote Franzi in her diary, "Hitler is at the Imperial Hotel."

I went to hear Hitler that day. He stood there, on that balcony; I was in the midst of swaying bodies, weaving arms, jubilating voices; a cold shiver went down my back when he spoke, but then, when they screamed "Heil, heil, heil, heil Hitler" I felt myself shout along with them "Heil Hitler" and, then felt sick, and horribly, everlastingly ashamed.

Two days later the higher schools reopened. Our first lecturer that day, Direktor Geyer, a Jew and head of one of Vienna's largest theatres, was ordered out of the school by the Nazi school Secretary, Dr Niederführ. There are varying stories of how Direktor Geyer died. I heard he jumped from the top gallery of his theatre into the stalls, but a friend says it happened at a frontier when he tried to leave.

As Elfie and I walked home that night she cried. "I don't know what to do. My father said I was not ever to speak to anybody at the 'Seminar' who is a Jew and that anyway . . ." her voice sounded dead as she quoted him, "the whole place will be disinfected from top to toe". She leaned against the wall of the park. ("Walk in our park," Reinhardt had said to the students when he opened the "Seminar". "Be alone; think; have the courage to dream; go into yourselves and make friends with your own humanity . . .") "What shall I do?" Elfie said, and added — not 15 years old yet — "I can't go on living with them."

She did, of course: 14-year-olds didn't move out from home in Vienna in 1938. But over the next seven years, she never stopped talking to and helping people — Jews and others. She died of TB a few days before Austria was "liberated" as a "victim" rather than "occupied" as an "accessory". It would have made her laugh, bitterly. But today, Elfie would have been glad, as are many others who were not Nazis here, that, oddly enough because of Waldheim, Austria is at last "going into herself" and looking for her own humanity.

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Christian's conversion



Lacroix (left), the saviour of Paris couture, is about to risk his reputation with ready-to-wear. Liz Smith tries on the new line

HARRY KERR



Lacroix look: his favourite model Marie Seznick wears a simply tailored jacket in houndstooth over print skirt and black cashmere turtleneck bodysuit, with fake leopard hat

The opportunity was irresistible. After a brisk and businesslike preview parade for buyers in Milan of the first Christian Lacroix ready-to-wear collection (it is to be officially launched in Paris on Wednesday), three rails of the clothes were wheeled into the showroom. I tried some of them on.

First, a curvy belled-skirt coat in thick scarlet *double face* wool. Smocking sculpted in the deep waistline. Deep square pockets were applied aslant. Next a kimono coat in mustard, that wraps and is secured with a deep black belt.

The coats, suits and dresses — knitwear and evening clothes at that 11th hour were still being added to complete the collection — with their scrawled CL initial label in gold and black, are short. They bared my knees by about five inches. Hemlines delivered to the stores will be two inches longer, I was assured.

And the price? Even at ready-to-wear, Lacroix does not come cheap. The average ticket on a coat is expected to be £600; and for a short, storm-flapped raincoat, £350. I saw a dress in rose-printed wool for £600, and a heavy caban or short jacket at £350.

"There will be no problem selling this line," Clare Stubbs, fashion director of Harrods confirms. "We have customers calling us each day asking for the Lacroix Luxe line, which is twice the price." Watching the buyers pore over price lists and finger the fabric swatches, seeing them rifle through rails of clothes in the new cool Lacroix showroom on the Corso Venezia (Van Gogh orange linen curtains and painted skirting announced it was Lacroix's even without the name on the door), it emphasized for me the awesome moment of truth that this passionate and creative new talent faces this week. On Wednesday afternoon when this wildly anticipated range is paraded in one of the collections tents in the Louvre courtyard, Lacroix quite decidedly puts his reputation on the line.

Things have moved fast for Lacroix in the past two years. Hailed as the man to save a comatose couture industry with his exuberant ideas while still at Patou (*France Soir* went so far as to call him "a messiah") Lacroix established his own couture house on the faubourg Saint Honoré just over a year ago.

His first own-label couture collection of dressy day and evening extravaganzas was ready to be shown in July last year and was greeted with rapt enthusiasm. A Luxe Line followed last October; ready-to-wear but all still in his flamboyant couture idiom and hardly mass-market at prices from £1,000 up.

The man who is today the focus of attention of every fashion professional was remarkably calm in Milan last week. The choice of the Italian Genny group to manufacture his ready-to-wear consolidated a relationship between Lacroix and Donatella Girombelli, the head of the empire with its £65 million annual turnover and the most powerful woman in Italy, that began 10 years ago.

Lacroix was then assistant to Guy Paulin, designer for another Genny line, Byblos. "I am part of the family now," Lacroix remarked after flying in from Paris to attend Girombelli's own Genny show in Milan last week.

Lacroix talks with passion about his love for Italy, where he has been commuting weekly to oversee fittings, and his admiration for the new woman in his life. "Donatella Girombelli? I think she is the most beautiful woman in Italy," he rhapsodises. "She is feminine, yet strong. I love to listen to her voice. You know, I think I have been just a little bit in love with her ever since we met."

Lacroix, who looks like a sleeker, more youthful Brando, expresses his sensuality not just in his clothes designs but in his descriptions of the "sexy gypsies" of his beloved Provence, the influences of his upbringing in the sunshine of Arles and his relationship with Françoise Rosensthiel, the gamine-coiffed Parisienne who is his greatest inspiration.

Christian Lacroix obviously enjoys being surrounded by strong women. Donatella Girombelli, sleek and Titian-haired with the fine arched eyebrows of a Dietrich, reciprocates the warmth and respect of her new colleague.

"It is very important for me to have this rapport with Christian, on both a professional and personal level. He is intelligent, I admire his attitude to fashion," Girombelli says. "Christian is very positive in his ideas. I do not interfere. My role is to be near him and help him as a woman who wears his designs. He is a man who decidedly likes women.

"He really does have a new message for them, which I personally find stimulating. He understands the change that has taken place today in a woman's perception of herself. She has rejected androgyny and recovered her personality, and Christian has given her a rejuvenated image of herself."

Lacroix says he does not care about the critics' response on Wednesday. He has set out to simplify his cut, and I believe he has succeeded without sacrificing any of his signature style. "I just want to provide a wardrobe that every woman can understand and wear comfortably," he says.

When answers are out of the question...



PENNY PERRICK

I bet the question that children ask Jeremie Hughes, the author of *Will My Rabbit Go To Heaven and Other Questions Children Ask*, is: "How come you are called Jeremie when you are a lady? Did your mummy and daddy think you were a boy when you were born? Did they want a boy so much that they pretended you were one? Did that make you cry?" Oh, children know how to put the inquisitorial boot in *all right.*

The trouble with Mrs Hughes's book is that she addresses the questions that are easy to answer in a loving and tolerant way and not the ones that leave you fairly dripping with embarrassment and ready to lock the pesky child in the coal cellar until he has learnt to keep a civil tongue in his head.

For instance, in answer to the title question, no parent with a streak of human kindness is going to disagree with Mrs Hughes's suggested response: "God created the animals and He put us in charge of them. God cares for all His creations and Jesus told us that God cares about every little bird that falls to the ground dead. So we can trust Him to look after your rabbit when he dies."

Prettily put and far less traumatic than the jaunty: "Not exactly, darling. I'm going to put bunny in a casserole with Californian sun-dried tomatoes and a little garlic." I mean, no parent needs *help* in dealing with this situation.

The truth is that children seldom ask the rather priggish questions that Mrs Hughes knows what to do about. No child I know is all that interested in the fate of his rabbit's eternal soul. What they want to know is why that lady on the bus has a moustache and they want to know it in an increasingly louder voice, even after you have crammed half a packet of chocolate raisins into their insistent little mouths — "Why has she mummy? Why won't you tell me? Why are you pinching my leg?"

I suppose Mrs Hughes would suggest that you say something to the effect that God *didn't* make everyone look like Jerry Hall but we should love them anyway, but the hirsute lady wouldn't like to overhear that much, either.

Children are brilliant at turning a cosy family scene into mayhem, like the little girl who was brought in, all freshly brushed and combed, to have her first peek at her new-born brother, and asked through gritted teeth: "How old does he have to be before we're allowed to hit him?"

They also want to know why you tell them off for eating with their mouths open when you never tell Uncle Ned not to do it and why their daddy isn't as rich as Isobel's daddy. They choose these moments with exquisite care, like when Uncle Ned is discussing Tom Wolfe's new novel with a mouthful of spaghetti carbonara well in view, or when daddy is feeling particularly anxious about his chances of holding on to his badly-paid job.

It is no end of a relief when children reach an age when they don't have to be handled with tender loving care all the time, in case a brusque response to their queries will leave them with a permanently damaged psyche. This time occurs when they become teenagers. For most families this is not a period of daily domestic bliss but at least by then you can answer the whingeing, whining why? why? why? with a no-nonsense, "because I'm bigger than you are and older than you are and I pay the rent, and that's why".

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THEATRE

LONDON

★ **BACK WITH A VENGEANCE:** Dame Edna Everage back again joshing the possums.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £6.50-£17.50. (D)

☆ **THE BEST OF FRIENDS:** Dramatized correspondence between Shaw, a Lady Abbess, and the director of the Fitzwilliam Museum. Brings Gielgud back to the West End stage. Until April 2.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tues-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 3pm, £5.50-£15.

☆ **THE BRIGADIER/UNCLE MORT:** Peter Tinniswood's prejudiced and splenetic pair given facias and flesh by William Rushton, with Sam Kelly and David Adams in attendance. Ends Saturday.
Lyric Studio Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mats Sat 4-6.15pm, £5.

☆ **THE BROWNING VERSION/HARLEQUINADE:** Rattigan double bill: starry cast led by Dorothy Tutin and Paul Eddington.
Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street WC2 (01-831 0660). Tube: Holborn. *Previews until Wed, 8-10.15pm.* Press night Thurs, 7-9.15pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mats Wed 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £7.50-£13.50.

☆ **DANGEROUS OBSESSION:** *Better-than-average revenge thriller.* Politely smiling Dinsdale Landen drags Jeremy Bulloch and Hilary Tindall over the coals.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 8-10.05pm, Sat 8.30-10.35pm, mats Wed 3-5.05pm and Sat 5.30-7.35pm, £6-£13.50.

☆ **THE FOREIGNER:** Patchy comedy. Nicholas Lyndhurst as a timid tourist in the US struck dumb with nerves.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3-5.30pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **HAPGOOD:** *Puzzling new Tom Stoppard play; spies, physics and misunderstandings; with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal and Iain Glen.*
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych WC2 901-836 6404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.30 and Sat 4-7pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **THE LAST SUPPER:** Howard Barker's large-scale play with Philip Sayer as Lvov, a messiah doubted by his bickering disciples.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square SW3 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, mats Sat 4-7pm. £4-£10.

☆ **THE MIRACLE WORKER:** William Gibson's celebrated play showing how blind young Helen Keller learnt to communicate; with Hildegard Neil, Daryl Back, Ian Lavender.
Westminster Theatre, Palace Street SW1 (01-834 0283). Tube: Victoria. Tues-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed and Thurs 2.30-5pm, and Sat 3-5.30pm, £5.50-£12.50.

☆ **NITE CLUB CONFIDENTIAL:** Ruth Maddoc in American pastiche musical; a steamy love triangle set in the glitzy world of 50s nite clubs.
Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Avenue WC2 (01-839 4401). Tube: Embankment. Mon-Thur 8-10.30pm, Fri and Sat, 5-8.30pm, and 9-11.30pm, £5.50-£14.50.

☆ **SHIRLEY VALENTINE:** New Willy Russell play: outstanding performance by Pauline Collins as the downtrodden housewife tempted by a Greek island.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, mat Wed 2.30-4.45pm, £6-£13.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 6951). . . ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665). . . ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

ABERDEEN: ☆ **The Government Inspector:** Anthony Quayle plays the provincial mayor and Paul Rhys the fake inspector in Compass Theatre's tour of Gogol's comedy.
His Majesty's Theatre, Union Street (0224 641122), Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £4.50-£30.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

BARFLY (18): Charles Bukowski wrote the script for this humorous, semi-autobiographical look at life in a seedy Los Angeles bar. With Mickey Rourke as a self-styled poet of the bottle, and Faye Dunaway as his equally alcoholic companion. A first American film from the Swiss-French director Barbet Schroeder (99 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.25.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.15, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 1.40, 3.45, 5.50, 8.05, 10.10.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 7.00, 9.00.

■ **DRAGNET (PG):** Lavish attempt to parody the Fifties TV police series, with Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks. Directed by Tom Mankiewicz (106 min).
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5911). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.30.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.25.

■ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling thriller (119 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10.
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THE LAST EMPEROR (15): Bertolucci's gorgeously photographed epic tells the extraordinary story of Pu Yi, China's last imperial ruler, who lived to become a model communist citizen. With John Lone, Peter O'Toole (162 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 12.15, 4.00, 7.45.

NO END (18): Poland's martial law comes under the microscope in this striking drama by Kryztof Kieslowski. With Grazyna Szapolowska as the grieving wife trying to pick up the pieces after the death of her husband, a committed lawyer (Jerzy Radzwilowicz) (108 min).
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 1.50, 4.10, 6.25, 8.45.

■ **NO WAY OUT (15):** Polished version of a *film noir* classic, *The Big Clock*, with a new Pentagon setting and a few extra twists. Gene Hackman plays the Defence Secretary with a crime to cover up; Kevin Costner is the luckless investigator. Roger Donaldson directs (114 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.55, 8.40.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 12.40, 3.10, 5.45, 8.25.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.25, 3.45, 6.05, 8.30.

ORPHANS (15): Strongly acted version of Lyle Kessler's play about two bizarre brothers whose lives are turned upside down by a drunken but benign gangster. Alan J. Pakula directs Albert Finney, Kevin Anderson and Matthew Modine (115 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.30, 8.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.20, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30.

SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME (15): Ridley Scott's showy visual style dominates this police thriller, in which rookie Tom Berenger is assigned to protect a well-heeled witness to a brutal murder (106 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.45.

WITHNAIL AND I (15): Knockabout British comedy about two out-of-work British actors trying to maintain sanity at the end of the Sixties. Written and directed by Bruce Robinson; with Paul McGann and Richard E. Grant (107 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-930 2738). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.45.

DANCE

☆ **CINDERELLA:** Frederick Ashton's production of the Prokofiev score for the Royal Ballet.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-622 7486), 7.30-9.45 pm, £6-16.

☆ **ILLOGIC:** A new duet by Sue Maclennan for Gregory Nash and Kate Dalton; also Nash's *Scupper* for four dancers.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-9.30pm, £5.

OPERA

☆ **TOSCA:** Yet another revival of the Royal Opera's Zeffirelli production, with James Lockhart conducting the opera for the first time at Covent Garden, and with cast led by Grace Bumbry and Giuseppe Giacomini.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£70.

☆ **BITTER SWEET:** Last London week of Ian Judge's less-than-masterly production of Noel Coward's masterpiece, with committed performance from Valerie Masterson and Ann Mackay.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£18.50.

GALLERIES

J. F. LEWIS AND THE ORIENTALISTS: An exhibition about Victorian artists such as Lewis who lived and painted in the Middle East.
Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham (021-235 2834), Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until April 23.

EXHIBITION ROAD: 120 works done since 1900 by staff and students of the RCA's painting department.
Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-584 5020), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until April 24.

CONVERSATIONS: A selection of paintings and sculptures from the Arts Council's extensive collection indicating similarities between superficially unsimilar pictures.
City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, York (0904-23839), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, free, until April 10.

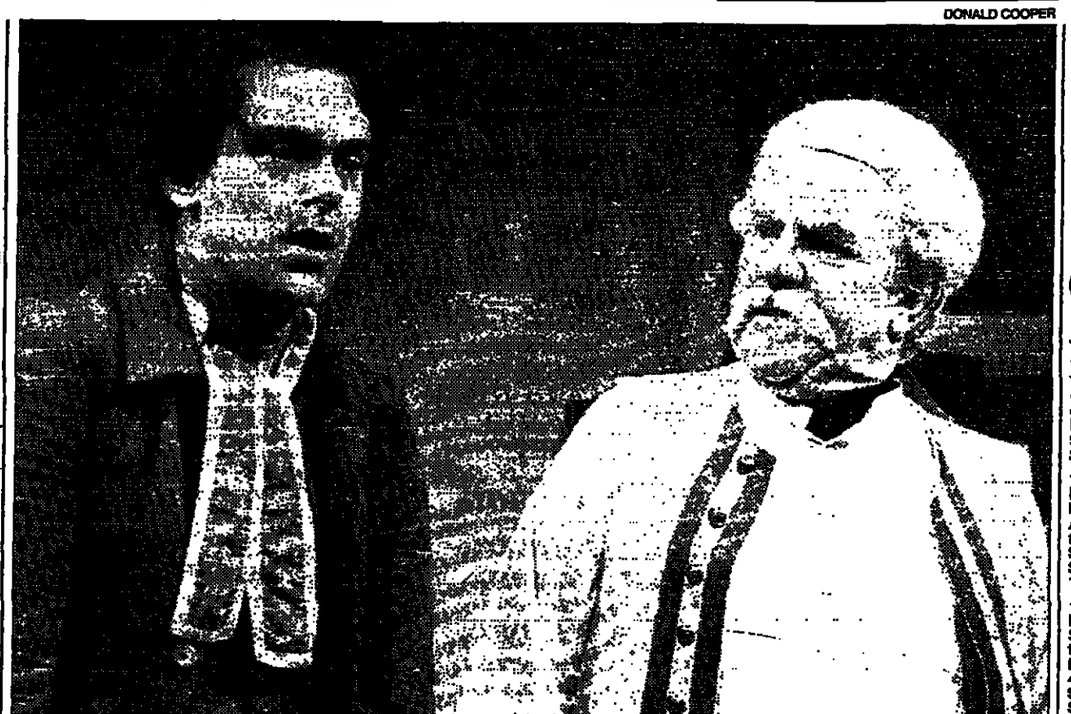
MICHAEL MCGUINNESS: Figure paintings by an artist working in the Slade School tradition of draughtsmanship and craftsmanship.
Gallery 47, 47 Gt Russell Street, London WC1 (01-436 4591), Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, free, until March 25.

IAN BREAKWELL: The painter and diarist has paired old paintings from the gallery's permanent collection with his own pictures.
Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle (091-232 7734). Tues-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, free, until April 17.

THE MAGINOT LINE: One gala benefit performance only of an event devised by many artists and writers, notably Bruce McLean and Mel Gooding, in aid of the Riverside Gallery.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (01-748 3354), tonight 8pm, £5, £10, £25 and £50.

PRINTING IS EASY: An exhibition of 100 dazzling posters made by printmaking workshops around the country since 1970.
Rochdale Art Gallery, Esplanade, Rochdale (0706-342154), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Wed 10am-1pm, Sat 10am-4pm, free, until April 16.

DONALD COOPER



Wild young passion can be so painful

Kevin McNally (above, left) plays the title role, with Windsor Davies (right) as Major von Berg, in Reinhold Lenz's comic melodrama *The Tutor*, the second play in Jonathan Miller's Old Vic season. Frank Thornton and Niamh Cusack also star in the story of an old Prussian family whose tame tutor turns out to nurse wild passion. Lenz was one of the crazed German geniuses of the 18th century, falling in love with women above his station and turning the experience into literature, before declining into schizophrenia and dropping dead in a Moscow street at the age of 40. He was himself a tutor in an aristocratic household and his play warns of the painful consequences to which love-sick young pedagogues were exposed. Bertolt Brecht's adaptation for his Berliner Ensemble in 1950 turned the play into an attack on the teachers and intellectuals of his generation who emasculated themselves by submitting to Hitler. The director of the Old Vic production is Angelika Hurwicz, a founder member of Brecht's Ensemble who in its legendary early days created the roles of Grusche in *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* and the dumb Kattrin in *Mother Courage*. Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Preview tonight (Monday) 7.30-10.30pm. Opens Tuesday, 7-10pm. Then Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Weds 2.30-5.30pm and Sat 4-7pm. £4-£14. *Jeremy Kingston*

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending March 13:

BBC 1		BBC 2	
1	EastEnders (Tue/Sun) 23.90m	1	M.A.S.H. 6.95m
2	EastEnders (Thu/Sun) 23.80m	2	Purple Plain 5.80m
3	Neighbours (Fri) 13:31/17:39) 15.45m	3	Moonlighting 5.40m
4	Neighbours (Tue) 13:25/17:36) 15.05m	4	Horizon (Mon/Sun) 4.95m
5	Neighbours (Wed) 13:32/17:38) 14.95m	5	Food and Drink (Tue/Fri) 4.90m
6	Neighbours (Mon) 13:28/17:39) 14.80m	6	A Very Peculiar Practice 4.75m
7	Neighbours (Thu) 13:29/17:36) 14.60m	7	Friends and Brothers 4.60m
8	That's Life 14.30m	8	Breakfast World (Fri) 4.50m
9	Holiday '88 13.70m	9	Red Dwarf 4.25m
10	A Question of Sport 13.40m	10	The Pearl of Death 4.20m
ITV		**Channel 4**	
1	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 16.65m	1	Brookside Hunt 7.45m
2	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 16.00m	2	Brookside (Mon/Sun) 6.50m
3	Wish You Were Here Thames 13.55m	3	Brookside (Tue/Sat) 6.45m
4	Wish Me Luck LWT 13.15m	4	Dance With A Stranger 6.00m
5	Catchphrase TVS 12.55m	5	Nurse 5.85m
6	You Bet LWT 12.30m	6	The Cosby Show 5.10m
7	London's Burning LWT 12.00m	7	Fifteen-to-One (Fri) 4.70m
8	Surprise, Surprise LWT 11.95m	8	Fifteen-to-One (Wed) 4.40m
9	Bobby Davro's TV Weekly TVS 11.70m	9	Fifteen-to-One (Thu) 4.30m
9	News (Sat 21:00) ITN 11.70m	10	Fifteen-to-One (Tue) 4.20m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time:* Mon to Fri 1.4m (7.0m)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.9m (12.9m)
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

WORD-WATCHING

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QUASAR
(c) A QUASi-stellAR object, sometimes called a QSO. Compacted sources (discovered in 1963) of radiation outside our galaxy, which are observed to have extraordinarily large red shifts in their spectra.

DOPPLER EFFECT
(b) Discovered in 1842 by Christian Johann Doppler, the Austrian physicist, the change in the perceived frequency of a wave which results when the observer moves relatively to the source.

BLACK HOLE
(a) A hypothetical astronomical system. When a star near the end of its history contracts under gravitation, no radiation can escape from it; as far as the rest of the universe is concerned it becomes unobservable — its escape velocity exceeds the speed of light.

BETELGEUSE
(a) A reddish star of the first magnitude in Orion's shoulder, from the Arabic *bayt-al-jawza* Orion.

CHILDREN'S SELF-PORTRAITS: A selection of winners and runners-up in a nationwide competition.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2033), Mon-Sat 10am-11pm, free, until April 23.

GERHARD RICHTER: The London Paintings by a contemporary German expressionist.
Anthony d'Offay, 9 Dering Street, London W1 (01-499 4100), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until April 9.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **PAUK PLAYS:** The distinguished violinist György Pauk plays Prokofiev's Melodies Op 35, Janáček's Sonata, Lutoslawski's Partita. Ralf Gothoni is at the piano.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1-2pm, £2.50.

☆ **HEAR HUMBEY:** Martin Humbey, viola, performs sonatas by Bach and Brahms, and Weber's Andante and Hungarian Rondo. At the piano is Peter Bridges.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

☆ **LITTLE, SIMPLE:** Tippett's Little Music for Strings and Britten's Simple Symphony are heard from the Guildhall String Ensemble, as is Handel's Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 4. Robert Salter conducts.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **MERCANTONIO BARONE:** This pianist, whom many consider should have been awarded a higher prize in last year's Leeds Competition, offers Beethoven's Fantasia Op 77 and Sonata Op 78, Chopin's Mazurkas Op 24 and Scherzo Op 39, and Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **BYCHKOV/BAUMANN:** Semyon Bychkov conducts the LPO in Hindemith's *Metamorphoses on Themes by Weber*, Mozart's Horn Concerto No 3 (Hermann Baumann, soloist) and Berlioz's Fantastic Symphony.
Arts Centre, Warwick University, Gibbet Hill Road, Coventry, (0203 417417). 7.30pm, £8-£12.50.

☆ **JOYCE SETTINGS:** *allaroundjoyce* is the title of this programme by Music Projects/London which includes songs from James Joyce's Chamber Music by Dallapiccola and Berio, Johnson's Failing, Cage's Wonderful Widow of 18 Springs, Two Poems by Bill Hopkins and the UK premiere of Levinas's Clov et Ham. Jane Manning sings, Richard Bernas conducts, Sophie Preston plays the double bass.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404), 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **HAYDN/FAURE:** The Singers of London combine with the London Bach Orchestra and soloists for Haydn's Nelson Mass and Fauré's Requiem. Barry Rose conducts.
St John's, 7.30pm, £3-£6.50.

☆ **ALL VERDI:** Verdi's Requiem is performed by the Whitehall Choir, Vivaldi Concertante and soloists under Joseph Pilbery.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.30pm, £5.50-£13.50.

ROCK

★ **THE PRIMITIVES:** An updated version of Blondie, currently enjoying a hit with *Crash*.
Riverside, 57-59 Melbourne Street, Newcastle upon Tyne (091 261 4386), 7.30pm, £4.

☆ **ASWAD:** Veteran UK reggae group, currently enjoying chart success with *Don't Turn Around*.
Top Rank Suite, West Street, Brighton (0273 732627), 8pm, £6.

★ **THE POGUES:** Start of a record-setting North London residency for the gormless Shane MacGowan and chums.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334), 7pm, £7.50, for six nights.

★ **THE FALL:** Mark E. Smith presiding over a line-up that has proved the most commercially successful of the group's nine-year history.
Royal Court, 1 Roe Street, Liverpool (051 709 4321), 8pm, £5.

JAZZ

☆ **ART THEMEN:** The saxophonist's quartet features Clark Tracey, Steve Melling and Dave Green.
100 Club, Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933), 8pm, £3.50.

☆ **DUTCH SWING COLLEGE BAND:** Peter Schilperoort's septet, founded 43 years ago, continues to celebrate the New Orleans tradition.
The Orchard, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent (0322 343333), 7.45pm, £5.

☆ **EBERHARD WEBER:** A solo bass performance by the German virtuoso, a stalwart of countless ECM albums.
Four Bars Inn, Castle Street, Cardiff (0222 374962), 8.30pm, £4.50.

☆ **LOOSE TUBES:** Final week of a residency to mark the release of the orchestra's new LP, *Open Letter*.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

TALKS

LENT LECTURE: Rev Dr Gordon Huelin, hon librarian, Sion College, on Thomas Ken.
Sion College, Victoria Embankment, London EC4, 5.30pm, free.

TRENT LAW JOURNAL LECTURE: Sir Nicholas Lyell on the role of the law officers.
Trent Polytechnic, Waverley Building, Nottingham (0602 418248), 2.15pm, free.

WALKS

LONDINIUM — CITY OF THE ROMANS: Meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3.

LEGAL LONDON — THE INNS OF COURT AND LAW COURTS: Meet Temple tube, 11am, £3 (also next Mon).

POLITICAL LONDON — GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT: Meet Westminster tube, 11.30am, £3 (also next Mon).

HAUNTED LONDON — A GASLIT GHOST WALK: Meet Temple tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Mon).

INSIDE DICKENS'S LONDON: Meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

THE HAUNTED WEST END: Meet Embankment tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

OTHER EVENTS

IRISH FESTIVAL: Week-long celebrations begin in Gateshead today with a programme of music, dance, exhibition, talks, and walks.
Central Library, Caedmon Hall, Prince Consort Road, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear. Further information and booking (091-477 3478).

NATIONAL GALLERY FILMS: Two films today: *Monet In London* and *Matisse — A Sort of Paradise*.
National Gallery Lower Floor Theatre, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

END GAMES AT NFT: Booking opens today for film programme on theme of celebration of late works: with 21 late films including John Huston's *The Dead*, and films by Ingmar Bergman, Luis Bunuel, Charles Chaplin, Hitchcock, Orson Welles, Fred Zinnemann and John Ford. May 2-31.
National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01 928 3232).

TWELFTH NIGHT: Directed by Braham Murray. Priority booking from today, general booking from April 4. May 12-June 25.
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square, Manchester (061 833 9833).

LAST CHANCE

STEVE MATTISON: Raku vessels, using traditional Japanese technique of firing ceramics. Ends Friday.
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square, Manchester (061 833 9333).

EDWARD MIDDLEDITCH, 1923-87: Retrospective for figurative artist dubbed "kitchen sink" painter in 1950s. Ends Sun.
City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus, Plymouth (0752 668000).

BOND WINNERS

Winners in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are:
£100,000 bond number
11VZ537076 (the winner lives overseas); £50,000:
19WB664071 (Essex); £25,000:
18BZ270873 (Lancashire).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 01-638 8891/01-628 8795 Tom'r 7.45 **VERDI REQUIEM** Vivaldi Concertante Whitehall Choir Joseph Pilbery (cond).

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA.** Tomor 7.30 *Cavalleria Rusticana*/ *Pagliacci*. Wed 7.30 *Orpheus in the Underworld*.

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LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311. (01 240 7200 CC 24hr 7 day bkg fee for FAUST ONLY) Until 16 March **FAUST** Observers Course (Not Sats) (for info: please 'phone 01 741 8701) From 30 March Goethe's FAUST Parts 1 and 2. STUDIO: Eves 8pm Sat Mat 4pm **WILLIAM BURNTON in TALES FROM A LONG ROOM & UNCLE MORT'S NORTH COUNTRY.** By Peter Tinniswood.
**EXTENDED TO 9

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in Quiet Please (b/w) **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on the weekend's television offerings. To contribute ring 061-814 0424. **9.20 Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on mothers-in-law. Are they really the dragons they are made out to be by music hall comedians?
10.00 News and weather followed by **The Flintstones** (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** (r), and **The Adventures of Spot** (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. Patricia Hodge with a reading **11.00 News** and weather followed by **Open Air** presented by Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes.
12.00 News and weather followed by *Daytime Live. Magazine series* presented by Pamela Armstrong and Alan Titchmarsh **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Clive's advice on an extremely personal problem is solicited by both Des and Daphne **1.50 Going for Gold.** European quiz series
2.15 Ironside. The wheelchair-bound Chief investigates the mysterious death of an elderly recluse (r). **3.00 Best of British.** Clips from war films made by Rank Studios, narrated by John Mills (r) **3.25 Watchdog.** Consumer affairs series. (shown *again at 7.40*).
3.50 Bansmanan (r). **4.00 The Antics Roadshow** from the Large Objects Collection, Liverpool **4.15 Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon version **4.20 Jackanory.** Hannah Gordon with part one of *Bill Rosen's Andi's War* **4.30** Drokds. (Ceefax)
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter 5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather **6.35 London Plus.**
7.00 Wogan. On the guest list tonight are Whitney Houston, Susan Hampshire, Edna Healey and the medium, Doris Collins.
7.40 Watchdog. Consumer affairs series presented by John Stapleton and Lynn Faulds Wood.
8.05 The Golden Oldie Picture Show. Dave Lee Travis with another selection of aged pop *records dressed up in modern* videos.
8.30 You Must Be the Husband. Domestic comedy series starring Tim Brooke-Taylor and Diane Keen. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Panorama: The Underclass of 88. Gavin Hewitt reports from Sheffield on the underprivileged who will be affected by next month's change to the Social Security system.
10.10 Talking Pictures. Part eight of Barry Norman's 10-programme series on the story of Hollywood examines films that mirrored the political mood of *America.* (Ceefax)
11.00 Business Matters: A Tale of Two Mill Towns. Inner-city dereliction in Bradford compered with a town in Massachusetts.
11.25 Minstrel of the Dawn. Mary O'Hara's guests include Incantation (first shown on BBC Northern Ireland).
11.55 Weather

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Maths — Inverse Functions. Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Ceefax.
9.15 Daytime on Two: how do universities help the first year undergraduate to survive? **9.38** How technology alters the sexual division of labour **10.00** A series for four- and five-year olds **10.15** An animated version of the story of *The Sleeping Beauty* **10.40** Thinksbout **11.00** Map reading **11.20** English: an examination *of school stories* **11.45** Lower-secondary pupils have help with presentation, organisation and representation **12.08** The changes in workstyle of three farms in different parts of the country **12.30** Alternative medicine — osteopathy and hypnosis **1.00** Science in action **1.20** A series for the young **1.38** The life of a farmer's boy a century ago
2.00 News and weather followed by a story for children.
2.15 Songs of Praise from the National Seminary of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, St Patrick's College, Maynooth (r). (Ceefax)
2.50 Children Talking. Gerald Harrison, in 1969, talks to girls and boys at Brighton and Maidenhead (first shown on BBC North West).
3.00 News and weather followed by **See Hear.** Magazine series for the hearing impaired (r).
3.30 Spirits of an Amber Past. A portrait of Antanas and Anastasia *Tamosaitis, Canadian* immigrants from Lithuania, who are striving to keep the folk art and legends of the land of their birth alive in their adopted country (r).
3.50 News and weather.
4.00 Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald with information about the benefits and services available to carers.
4.30 Noticeboard. Rob Curling with news of radio and television programmes; Marian Foster has Daytime Club details.
4.35 Moment of Truth. The story of Ewen Riddick, an undergraduate who broke his neck when diving on a Portuguese beach 18 months before his Finals (r).



Ludovic Kennedy: BBC2, 10.15pm

5.05 Look, Stranger. How Mikel Utsi, a Laplander, re-introduced reindeer into this country after an absence of eight centuries (r).
5.30 Tomorrow's World (r).
6.00 Film: The Spanish Main (1945) starring Maureen O'Hara and Paul Henreid. Swashbuckling yarn about a Dutch merchant captain who seeks vengeance on the Spanish colonial authorities in the Caribbean and on the wicked Don Alvarado — his rival in love. With Walter Slezak. Directed by Frank Borzage.
7.40 Open Space: The Media and the Loony Left (see Choice)
8.10 Horizon: Purple Warrior — Limited War. The second of a two-part inside account of last November's joint forces exercise *Purple Warrior.* (Ceefax)
9.00 Red Dwarf. Science fiction comedy series. (Ceefax)
9.30 Moonlighting. Maddie confesses to David that she has married a man she met on a train. David's sadness is softened when they are assigned to an *eternal triangle case that includes* a murder.
10.15 Indelible Witness: Windfall. Ludovic Kennedy helps reconstruct the case of a father and son murder by the IRA in Northern Ireland (r).
10.45 Newsnight 11.30 Weather.
11.35 Open University. Ends at **12.05am**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am includes **Good Morning Britain at 6.30** and **8.00** for half-an-hour. **After Nine** features Merrill Thomas reporting on London Fashion Week.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 *Give Us a Clue.* *Celebrity mime* game presented by Michael Parkinson. This morning Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Lorna Dallas, Eve Ferret, Ian McCaskill, Adrienne Posta, Mike Read and Chris Tarrant **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** headlines.
10.30 The Time. . . .The Place. . . Soviet Special. Mike Scott in London chairs a *debate-by-satellite* between a studio audience in London and one in Moscow on the subjects of peace and detente. The Moscow link-man is Leonid Zolotarevsky **11.25 Thames news** headlines.
11.30 *The Miriam Stoppard* Health & Beauty Show. Advice on looking and feeling good **12.00 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.
12.30 News 12.50 Thames news 1.00 What's My Line? Odd occupations quiz.
1.30 Film: The Limping Man (1954, *b/w*) starring *Lloyd Bridges* and Moira Lister. Thriller about a GI who returns to Britain to pick up the threads of a romance only to discover his girlriend is mixed up with racketeers. Directed by Charles De Latour.
3.00 *Who Believes in Orpington?* In this last programme of the series young people in Orpington are *asked their opinion of religion* **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 The Young Doctors.** Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children **4.10 The Moomins** (r). **4.20 The Real Ghostbusters 4.45 News at Twelve.** Episode four of the comedy drama serial.
5.15 Connections. Quiz game presented by Sue Robbie.
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Help with news of the battle against racism in football.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 *Wish You Were Here. . ?* Judith Chalmers takes a fly-drive holiday to New England; Anneka Rice is on a health farm; and John Carter, with the British climate in mind, investigates some indoor recreation centres. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Ken Barlow *is convinced he is still in charge of* the newspaper. (Oracle)
8.00 Andy Capp. Comedy series based on the strip cartoon character in the *Daily Mirror.* Starring James Bolam.
8.30 World in Action: Faith, Hope and Charity. An investigation into *how much of the money* donated by the public actually *reaches the charity involved.*
9.00 Bookie. The last in the present series of the drama set in and around Glasgow focusing on the betting fraternity. Sarring Maurice Roëves. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten 10.30 Thames news.
10.35 Seconds Out. Boxing from Norwich Lads Club featuring the *unbeaten Nigel Benn.*
11.35 Spellberg: Making of Empire of the Sun. A behind the scenes look at the *making of the film.*
12.30am I Spy. Vintage American espionage series starring Robert Culp and Bill Cosby.
1.25 Sportsworld Extra. Highlights of the Los Angeles Times Games.
2.00 News followed by **Film: Roman Scandals** (1933, *b/w*) starring Eddie Cantor as an Oklahoma *hayseed who dreams he is in* ancient Rome. Directed by Frank Tuttle.
4.00 News followed by **Taxi.** Comedy series.
4.30 That's Hollywood. Broken romance films.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools
12.00 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. Three programmes for children — *Pob & Friends, Rebecca* and *Foxy Fables.*
1.00 Open Exchange. Weekly magazine series for those engaged in open learning. Presented by Lesley Judd, Linbert Spencer and James Whale.
2.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show presented *by Gay Byrne.*
3.00 The West of the Imagination. Part two of the six-programme series on the story of America's Wild West as seen through the eyes of artists, photographers and cinematographers. Today, the war for Texas independence, the war with Mexico and the 1849 *gold rush are illustrated by,* among others, George Caleb Bingham, Albbert Bierstadt, Charles Nahl and pioneer photographers and lithographers. Narrated by James Whitmore.
4.00 Mavis on 4. In the last of her series on predicaments Mavis Nicholson examines the problem *of depression.* Mavis talks to Alison Bartman and George Corfield who have suffered from depression all their lives, talk about how debilitating it can be and how professional counselling has helped them to cope.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz show presented by William G. Stewart.
5.00 The Munsters (*b/w*). Vintage American comedy series about a ghoulish family. In this episode Herman is persuaded to take part in a drag race. Starring Fred Gwynne and Yvonne de Carlo.
5.30 The Beverly Hillbillies (*b/w*). The Clampetts have their first *brush with a Beverly* Hills psychaitrist. Starring Buddy Ebsen and Max Baer.
6.00 Low Tech. The third in Rick Ball's six-part series on making simple, imaginative furniture for little cost. This week he makes an armchair from the seat of a derelict Alfa Romeo; and builds a slot-together chair out of plywood. Profesional woodworker Jim Partridge is on hand with advice.
6.30 Promises and Piecrust. Part five of the *Times Educational Supplement* editor, Stuart Maclure's seven-programme series on Britain's educational system examines education in the 1980s which hs seen increasingly strained relations between the Government and local authorities. With contributions from Sir Keith Joseph, Neil Kinnock and Sir Peter Newsam. (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News.
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather.**
8.00 Brookside. Harry's place on the committee is threatened when Ralph unwittingly books a male stripper for the Commonwealth Day Celebration; and Gordon and Christopher decide to investigate the treatment Mona is receiving at the Home. (Oracle)
8.30 Kate & Allie. Comedy series starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin as two divorcées who decide to pool their resources and face the problems of single parenthood together.
9.00 Into Nicaragua. The first of two programmes following Kate Hughes and Richard Watson, a midwife and a doctor living in Scotland, who decided to donate two years of their lives to working within the health service of Nicaragua.
9.45 Foxi. A German film about an old man who, each morning, goes to the toy department of a big store and talks to a toy dog about his hopes and fears. When the toy is sold the old man's world collapses around him. Subtitled.
10.00 Hill Street Blues. The precinct is on the alert after a policeman is murdered. (Oracle)
10.55 Film: Wadi (1980) starring Aisha Yussuf. *A drama about the* lives of Arabs and Jews on the periphery of modern urban Israel. Directed by Amos Gitai.
12.00 Film: Esther (1985) starring Simona Binyamini. The Biblical story of Esther in costumes of the time but filmed in today's Israel. Directed by Amos Gitai. Ends at **1.55am.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **11.55** Rugby Special (Lanes v Glos, Maesteg v Neath) **12.55-1.00** News and weather SCOTLAND: **10.50am-11.00** Seal Seal **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **7.40** Watchdog **8.00-8.30** Wildlife *on One* **10.10** *Cloud Howe* **11.05** Tasting Pictures **11.55** Business Matters **12.25am-12.25** Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm** Today's sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Neighbours **11.00-11.25** Up Front **11.35-12.00** News and weather ENGLAND: **6.25pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Harry Black and the Tiger" **5.15-5.45** Blockbusters **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **11.35-1.25am** Film: The Mechanic **4.30-5.00** Farming Diary.

BORDER As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **1.30** Film: Seven Nights in Japan **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **10.35** Falcon Crest **11.30** Hitchcock Presents **11.55** *America's Top 10* **12.25am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **1.30** Film: Manoeuvres" **2.55 Magic, Magic** 3.00 Focus 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.35 News 10.35 Who's The Boss? **11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00** Film: First Deadly Sin **12.05 Sportsweek** 3.05 Sally Jessy Raphael 3.35 **Special Squad** 4.25-5.00 **Jobfinder.**

CHANNEL As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Arcade **12.50** News **1.00** Gardening Time **1.30** Film: Dangerous Crossing" **3.00-3.30** What's My Line? **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **10.35** Challenge **11.05** POV **12.25am** Making of the Empire of The Sun **1.35** Badminton **2.05** I Spy **3.05** Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** Granada Reports **1.30** Film: The Mountain **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **10.35** State of the Region **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Film: First Deadly Sin **2.05am** Sportsweek **3.10** California Highways **3.40** European Top 40 **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Secret Life of Walter Mitty **6.00-7.00** News **10.35** Extra Time **11.35** Seconds Out **12.35am** Closedown.

TSW As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Country Practice **12.50-1.00** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Two For The Road **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Please. Sir! **10.35** America's Top Ten **11.05** Hammer House of Horror **12.05am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Arcade **12.50** News **1.00** Gardening Time **1.30** Film: Dangerous Crossing" **2.50** Cartoon **3.00-3.30** What's My Line? **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **10.35** Challenge **11.05** Big Night Out in Tunbridge Wells **11.45** Drama — Way Out of Order **12.15** New Works

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **1.30-3.30** Film: I Was a Mail Order Bride **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **10.35** Film: Christina **12.15am** Learning from Mistakes **12.20-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** Newstime **1.30** Film: City for Conquest **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.35** Six Tonight **10.35** Other Emerald Isle **11.30** Carson's Law **12.25am** *Newstime,* Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Wish You Were Here...? **12.50-1.00** News **1.30** Film: Green Hell **3.00** Starring the Actors **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.35** Calendar **10.35** Calendar Commentary **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Twilight Zone **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Closedown.

S4C Starts:**9.30am** Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Fifteen to One **1.00** Open College **2.00** Late Late Show **3.00** Irish Love Stories **4.00** Glumbre **4.15** Lluniau Dydd Llun **4.30** Hanibal A'r Hebog **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies" **5.30** Mavis on 4 **6.00** Take Six Cooks **6.30** Promises and Piecrust **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Arolwg II **8.00** Teulu'r Mans **8.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.05** Aber **9.35** In the Realm of the Shark **10.35** South Riding **11.35** *Comic Strip Presents...The* Yob **12.35am** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:**2.00pm** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Dempsey's Den **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.35** Smurfs **5.05** Ballobeag **5.05** Littlest Hobo **5.45** News **6.00** The Angelas **6.01** Newstime **6.30** Nothing To It? **7.00** Evening Extra **7.30** Zero **8.00** Give Us A Chance **8.30** Freeze Frame **9.00** News **9.30** Miami Vice **10.25** Hanly's People **10.55** Designing Women **11.20** News **11.25** Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts:**5.10pm** Emmerdale Farm **5.35** How Does Your Garden Grow? **6.00** Kids of Degrassi Street **6.30** Country Practice **7.00** *Mr Belvedere* **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** Nuacht **8.10** Sui Thart **8.35** Film: Evil Under the Sun **10.40** Newsnight **11.00** Durrell in Russia **11.25** Nightlight, Closedown.



"Loony-left" — or tabloid victim? Hilary Benn, leader of Ealing Council: Open Space, on BBC2, 7.40pm

When news takes a left turn

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Returning for a new series, *Open Space* (*BBC2*, 7.40pm) presents a report by a group of media watchers from Goldsmiths College, London University, on how left-wing councils are reported (a neutral term for rubbished) by the right-wing press. The Goldsmiths team estimates that since 1981, the national tabloids have carried no fewer than 3,000 stories about the "loony left", many of them trivial items blown up far beyond their importance, and others which have been totally fabricated. Among the inventions were Haringey council's banning "racist" black bin liners and Ealing's suppression of the "sexist" Robin Redbreast. The most famous "loony left" story was about instructions allegedly issued by three London councils that nursery school children were no longer to sing "Baa Baa Black Sheep". This, too, seems to have been the product of journalistic imagination (though why let the facts get in the way of a good story?) But it went round the world, and a sheep farmer in New Zealand responded by sending Haringey Council a lock of black wool. It is pity that none of those responsible for these stories could be persuaded to come on the programme and answer the charges. The Goldsmiths group says it tried to contact them but "they either chose not to appear or were prevented by their editors from doing so". The programme concedes that television coverage of Labour councils is much fairer and goes some way towards redressing the balance. But even so, it accuses broadcasters of being too willing to follow the agenda that the press has set. Thus, the very phrase, "loony left", coined by the tabloids, becomes the accepted currency of BBC news bulletins.

Peter Waymark

A restricted area

RADIO CHOICE

● In shifting the issue of apartheid from its breeding ground in South Africa to an exiles' haven in London, David Caute's play **Sanctions** (Radio 4, 8.15pm) also makes some interesting changes in the philosophy of sanctions itself. The question of economic embargoes is put on the back burner. What Caute turns the heat up on, and under, are the restrictions that white South Africans themselves impose on a commitment to the anti-apartheid cause. Three elements are threaded into the plot — sporting sanctions (an unconvincing sub-plot about the back-door recruitment of a Welsh rugby player), cultural sanctions (a slightly more believable strand about a racist production of *Medea*) and — the strongest, though ultimately the most over-melodramatic element — the repercussions on his family of the imprisonment of a white South African. Except for Barbara Jefford, as the captive's wife, the characters in the play lack depth, but their ideologies don't..



Barbara Jefford: Sanctions on Radio 4, 8.15pm

● Aptly, Professor Peter Pulzer's **Letter from Vienna** (Radio 3, 8.35pm) fills the interval in tonight's concert from the Austrian capital. A poll, taken in the wake of the Waldheim affair, showed that music (plus other items like neutrality, love of nature, and the Spanish Riding School) are what Austrians are most proud of these days. Fifty years after Anschluss, pride in politics is conspicuously absent from the list.

Peter Davalle

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Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50am 4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Jean Challis **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young *1.05pm* Brian Blessed **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** Debbie Thrower **7.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **7.30** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton (Jazz on record) **10.00** The ABC Quiz **10.30** Cinema Scrapbook (Chris Kelly with soundtrack memories of 1983 films) **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Steve Madden **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times are given in GMT **6.00am** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Why Should This Happen To Me? **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Augustus Carp Esq By Himself **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** Good Book **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Peebles' Choice **10.00** News **10.01** On the Border **10.30** Vintage Chart Show **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Health Matters **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** My word **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Cannery Row **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** *On the Border* **3.45** Capriccio **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Unclaimed Promised **4.30** Chain Reaction **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Book Choice **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Sports International **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Unclaimed Promise **9.30** Vintage Chart Show **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Education Today **11.30** Multitrack 1 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Best on Record **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Story **1.45** Unclaimed Promise **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Sports International **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** John Peel **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Popular Culture: Exam Paper **6.55** News, weather
7.00 Morning Concert: recordings of Rossini's Silken Ladder overture (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner), *Aguardo (Polonaise Op 2,* No 2: Bream, guitar), Vivaldi (Concerto in C, RV 447: Heinz Holliger, oboe, with I Musici)
7.30 *News bulletin*
7.35 Concert (continued): Weber (Concertino in E flat, *Op 26:* Eduard Brunner, clarinet, *with Bamberg SO under* Coetani). Mozart (Serenade in D major, K 239: Franz Liszt CO, Budapest under Janos Rolla), Brahms (Romance in F major, Op 118 No 5: Radu Lupu, piano), Handel (Concerto a due cori No 1 in B flat: Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood): Mendelssohn (Rondo brillant in E flat, Op 29: Ortiz, piano, with Stuttgart Radio SO under Atzmon
8.30 News bulletin
8.35 Composers of the Week: Josquin. Missa de Beata Vergine a sei Voci; Inviolata, integra et casta; Salve regina (Choir of New College, Oxford)
9.20 Mainly Kodaly: Miklos Szenthelyi (violin), Miklos Perenyi (cello), Istavn Lantos (piano) perform Kodaly's Capriccio; Adagio; Piano Pieces Op 3 Nos 1 and 9 and Op 11 No 2; Sonatina for cello and piano. Also Szigeti arrangement of intermezzo, Hary Janos; and Szakaly arrangement of Bartok's Romanian Folk Dances
10.00 Great National Symphony, by Clementi (Philharmonia under Scimone), and Beethoven's Victory (Berlin PO under Karajan)
10.45 Carl Frühling: Janet Hilton (clarinet), Steven Isserlis (cello), Peter Evans (piano) perform the Trio in E minor, Op 40
11.15 BBC Philharmonic, under Jan Krenz, with Stephen Hough (piano). Britten (A time there was . . .). Mozart (Piano Concerto No 9), Falla (*Three-Cornered Hat*)
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Violin and piano: Gyorgy Pauk and Ralf Gothoni perform Prokofiev's Five Melodies, Op 35b; Lutoslawski's Partita; Janacek's Sonata
2.00 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes a *conversation with the piano* duo Kathron Sturrock and Piers Lane; and an assessment of Count Basie (r)
2.45 Songs of Ivor Gurney: David Wilson-Johnson (baritone), and David Owen Norris (piano). The Gurney songs include By a Bierside; In Flanders; The Folly of Being Comforted; The *Fiddler of* Dooney. Also Ernest Farrar's Three Vagabond Songs
3.20 Medici String Quartet: Haydn (*Quartet in B flat, Op* 64 No 3), Smetana (Quartet No 2)
4.05 BBC Welsh SO under Howard Williams, with Peter Lawson. Rossini (Journey to Reims overture), Berlioz (Royal Hunt and Storm, The Trojans), Fauré (Fantaisie, Op 111), Messiaen (Hymne au Saint Sacrement)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: works written early and late in *composers' lives. Presnter:* Brian Kay
6.25 Organ Music: Frederick Rimmer, in Robinson College Chapel, Cambridge, performs Ian Hamilton's Le Tombeau de Bach; and A Vision of Canopus **7.00** News
7.05 Third Ear: Julian Spalding interviews the photographer Chris Killip
7.30 EBU Anniversary Season: from Vienna Musikverein. Austrian Radio SO under Carlds, with Maria Venuti (soprano), Margareta Hintermeier (mezzo), Petros Evangelides (tenor), Peter Wimberger (bass), Thomas Christian (violin). Part one. Haydn's Last Words of our Saviour on the Cross
8.35 Letter from Vienna: talk by Peter Pulzer, Gladstone Professor of Government, Oxford University (Choice)
9.00 Concert (part two): Berg's Violin Concerto; Gottfried von Einem's Capriccio Op 2
9.50 Schubert from Hohenems: Andras Schiff (piano) plays Allegretto in C minor, D 915; Twelve German Dances, D 790; Six German Dances, D 820; Hungarian Melody in B minor, D 817; Four Impromptus, D 935
11.00 Composers of the Week: Busoni. Recordings of Sonata for violin and piano No 2; Berceuse elegiaque, Op 42; Busoni transcription of Chaconne in D minor, by Bach
12.00 News bulletin
12.05 Wolf 88: recording of Olaf Baer (baritone) and Geoffrey Parsons (piano) performing Lied eines *Verliebten.*

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business *News 6.55, 7.55 Weather*
7.00, 8.00 News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.35 The Week On 4: programme trailers for Radio 4, presented by Clive Roslin
8.42 Something Wholesale: Travel-writer Eric Newby reads six chapters from his book (4): *A Nice Bit of* Crêpe **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News bulletin
9.05 Start The Week: Russell Harty with guests
10.00 News; Money Box: presented by Louise Botting
10.30 Morning Story: Born Again, by Jill Norris. The reader is Fleur Chandler
10.45 Daily Service: from St *George's Church, Belfast.* The service is led by the Rev Trevor Williams. Taking part are the Choir of Belfast Royal Academy (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way. Pam Ayres explores the Forest of Dean (r)
11.50 Poetry Please! presented by Danny Abse. The readers: Lin Segovsky and Christopher Scott
12.00 News; You and Yours: presented by John Howard
12.25 King Street Junior: school comedy series by Jim Eldridge, starring Karl Howman and James Grout (as the headmaster). Today: Pressures **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: presented by Jenni Murray. Includes a special feature devoted to this week's national cervical smear campaign. The programme incorporates a telephone helpline. Also the third instalment of David Lodge's book Out of the Shelter, read by Trevor Nichols
3.00 News; The Girl Who Knew Too Little: play by Patrice Chaplin, about a young pop singer who is touring the United States and, at Radio City Music Hall in New York, *experiences a feeling of* déjà vu. With Mia Soteriou as the girl (r) (s)
4.15 A Partial View: The revolutions in Europe at the end of the 1840s as seen through the eyes of 18-year-old *Marianne* North. The reader is Rosalie Crutchley
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Michael Billington in conversation with director Nicholas *Hytner about his staging of* operas and plays including Handel's Xerxes and Shakespeare's Measure for Measure (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** *Shipping Forecast* **5.55-6.00** Weather
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Hoax!: Cyril Fletcher, Eleanor Summerfield and Ian Wallace tell stories. You and the studio audience have to spot the lie. With Tim Brooke-Taylor
7.00 News bulletin
7.05 The Archers: all the latest happenings in Ambridge
7.20 The Food Programme: presented by Derek Cooper
7.45 Science Now: Peter Evans meets space technologists *and atmospheric analysts* who last year investigated a sealed chamber containing a pharoah's boat in Cairo with interesting results (r)
8.15 Sanctions: play by David Caute, about the repercussions of a white South African being imprisoned for his stand against apartheid. The cast includes Barbara Jefford, Bill Nighy and Elaine Claxton (see Choice)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: introduced by Mark Steyn. Tonight's line-up includes Bel Mooney's book Fourth of July; the Cheek by Jowl company's touring production of A Family Affair; and the Enid Marx exhibition at the Hunter Fine Art
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Memoirs of a Midget, by Walter de la Mare (episode 6 of 15): The reader is Janet Maw
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **FM** as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Music Makers **11.20** Let's Move! **11.40** The Music Box **11.50** See for Yourself **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Playtime **2.20** Science Scope **2.40** Whirligig **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University: **11.30** Open Forum **11.50** The Country Seat **12.10am** Music Interlude **12.30-1.10** Schools Night-Time. Geology

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.

Tutu fires a challenge to 'evil' Pretoria

From Michael Hornsby, Cape Town

The Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Desmond Tutu, and other church leaders threw down the gauntlet to the South African Government here yesterday, and in speeches of fire and brimstone declared it to be unjust, evil and un-Christian.

In one of the most explicit calls for civil disobedience yet made by a church leader, Dr Allan Boesak, the Moderator of the Coloured (mixed-race) branch of the Dutch Reformed Church, compared President P.W. Botha's Government to that of Jezebel and Ahab in the *Book of Kings*.

"We will have to go to this Jezebel who sits in Pretoria, we will have to go to this P.W. Ahab ... and tell them: 'your days are over ... and the dogs will eat your flesh'", Dr Boesak declared to prolonged cheering from 2,000 people of all races in St George's Anglican Cathedral here.

"We are entering a new phase of persecution of the Church, but there can be no turning back", Dr Boesak proclaimed. "Those of you who choose to follow Jesus Christ must follow him into the streets, even in the face of the Casspirs (police armoured vehicles), the water cannon and tear gas."

Despite the fiery rhetoric, in which the clerics seemed at times almost to be taunting the police and inviting them to intervene, there was no repeat of the scenes two weeks ago, when Archbishop Tutu, Dr Boesak and more than 100 other clergymen were arrested while trying to present a petition to Parliament.

A large number of police had stationed themselves with a water cannon about two blocks from the cathedral, but made no move as the congregation spilled out into the street after the service and dispersed peacefully. Plain-clothes security policemen contented themselves with recording the proceedings on video cameras.

Nominally billed as a church service, the cathedral gathering was convened at short notice after Mr Adriaan Vlok, the Minister of Law and Order and the "Jezebel" of Dr Boesak's demonology, had banned a rally.

This had been organized by the newly-formed Committee for the Defence of Democracy, whose members include Archbishop Tutu, Dr Boesak and the Catholic Archbishop of Cape Town, Mgr Stephen Naidoo. It was set up after 17 leading black opposition groups were effectively banned last month.

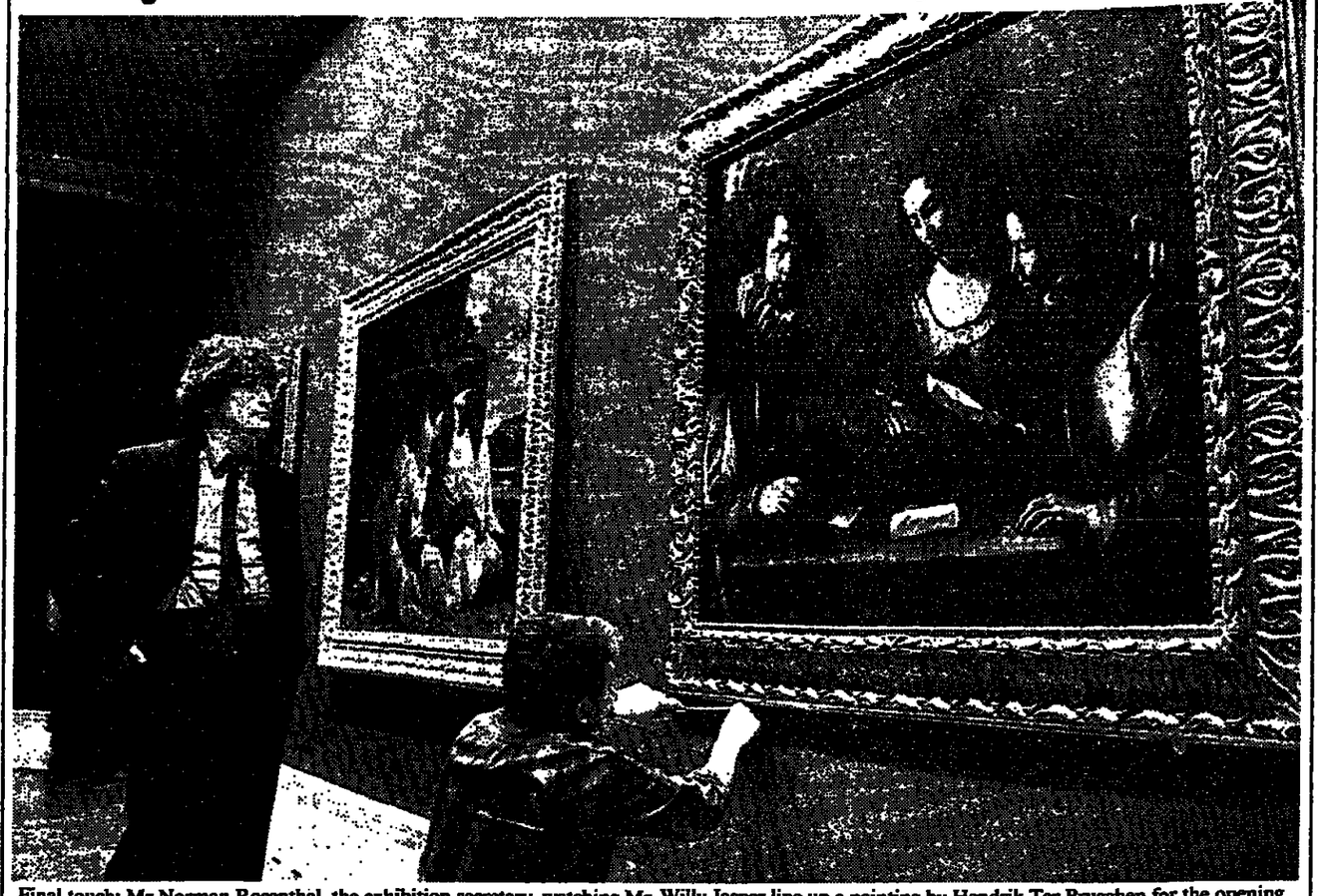
In addition to banning the rally, Mr Vlok also issued an order prohibiting the new committee from "carrying on or performing any activities or acts whatsoever".

"God did not make us doormats on which people can wipe their jackboots", Archbishop Tutu cried to cheers and laughter. "God made us for freedom ... freedom is coming and we want it for you, too, Mr Vlok. We want you to be able to sleep at night in your bed and not worry about what we are up to. We must say to all unjust rulers — such as those in this land: 'You are not God. You are ordinary mortals, and the God we worship cannot be mocked. You have already lost and we invite you to come and join the winning side'".

In justification of his banning order, Mr Vlok quoted a broadcast over Radio Freedom, the radio service beamed from neighbouring black-ruled states, in which he said the outlawed African National Congress had called on the churches to become "a battle front" in the struggle against the Government. The clergy were becoming more and more involved in preaching revolution and less and less in preaching the true Christian message, he said.

There were cheers when Archbishop Tutu declared that he supported the political aims and objectives of the ANC, though not its methods.

Thyssen's Old Masters ready for public



Final touch: Mr Norman Rosenthal, the exhibition secretary, watching Mr Willy Jasper line up a painting by Hendrik Ter Brugghen for the opening.

World queuing up to house collection

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza announced yesterday that he has postponed his decision on where his magnificent art collection will be housed after his death. The collection, ranging from the 15th century to the present, is considered the best in private hands, apart from the Queen's.

Fifty of its Old Master paintings were fixed to the walls of the Royal Academy in London at the weekend in readiness for the exhibition, sponsored by *The Times*, which opens in London on Friday. The rest is housed at one of the Baron's many homes, the Villa Favorita at Lugano in Switzerland.

For some time he has been considering plans for the collection after he dies, and governments and institutions all over the Western world have been queueing up to offer their proposals.

In 1986, the British architect James Stirling won an architectural competition held by the Swiss Government for a new extension to the complex in Lugano, with the offer of financing the building. Spain has offered a fine building opposite the Prado in Madrid.

Even the Getty Museum in Malibu has been in discussion with the baron. But the Germans have set the most red carpets rolling: with offers from Munich, Hamburg, and Bonn.

The British official position is uncertain: all the office of Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, will say is: "We are prepared to consider any possibility."

The baron wants the collection to remain together, and implies that whichever country becomes host will pay for building and maintenance.

To determine the lay-out of the exhibition, Mr Jaspar Jacobs, its design consultant, conferred with Mr Norman Rosenthal, the RA's exhibitions secretary, and Mr David Ekserdjian, who has written the catalogue.

He has chosen full dark colours for most of the exhibition's walls: peacock blue for the Court Room, and a dark blue fabric in the Architecture Room. In the larger Reynolds Room, the paintwork is unchanged but a new rectangular lighting track installed to light each painting individually.



Staff of the Royal Academy preparing to hang Caravaggio's "St Catherine of Alexandria".

Prince's friend talks of the risks

From Michael Hamlyn
Klosters

Mr Charles Palmer-Tomkinson, who with the Prince of Wales escaped death by a few feet in Thursday's avalanche above this Swiss ski resort, said yesterday he agreed with the Prince that people who loved the mountains accepted the risks of their pursuits.

He was speaking to *The Times* after visiting his wife, Mrs Pattie Palmer-Tomkinson, in the intensive care ward of Davos hospital where she is recovering from leg and lung injuries from the avalanche in which Major Hugh Lindsay died. Mr Palmer-Tomkinson's own father, captain of the British ski team, died in an accident in the mountains some years ago. But he insisted: "We love the mountains. We live with the risk. But there is this wonderful spiritual thing in the mountains.

"As Prince Charles said, we accept the risks. No man is infallible. People take guides on the mountains because they minimize the risk. You don't eliminate the risk by taking a guide. You never eliminate the risk."

Mr Palmer-Tomkinson recalled that he himself had both legs broken two years ago. "And two children were killed in a snow fall two years ago, just walking along the path here," he said. "It happens all the time."

He made it clear, however, that his main purpose in talking to *The Times* was to clear from any blame the Swiss guide, Mr Bruno Sprecher, who accompanied the royal party on the day of the accident.

"I just am terribly upset about Bruno," he said. "He is being blamed by everyone, by the Swiss press especially. But he was just along as a guest. I want to make it clear to everybody that he was not to blame."

Mr Sprecher, who was flown back to England in the Prince's plane, also spoke out in his own defence at the weekend. In an interview with the Swiss tabloid newspaper *SonntagsBlick*, he appears to indicate that the avalanche may have been caused by another party skiing above the royal group.

"Parallel to the crack where the avalanche broke away there was a single ski track," Mr Sprecher said.

"The mark of the uphill ski was still there, but the mark of the downhill ski was nowhere to be seen. The police took pictures of this. Domenig Caviezell, the chief mountain guide and Charles Palmer-Tomkinson saw on the mountain above this break, also off-piste, another group with a ski-instructor.

But Mr Palmer-Tomkinson also exculpates this other skiing party. "Bruno was not to blame," he said. "The Swiss authorities were not to blame. The people above us were not to blame. It was an act of God."

Bad times for Dole, the all-American anti-hero

Continued from page 1

simply listed subjects — drugs, the economy, the family. And nothing much he said about them differed from what Mr Bush would have said. The "issue", in reality, was one which could not be mentioned in front of the voters — Mr Dole's contempt for Mr Bush, whose eminence he regards as caused entirely by the accident of Mr Reagan's having chosen him as running mate in 1980, and by Mr Bush's having said nothing out of turn ever since.

Appropriately, the television broadcast enabled Mr Dole to be the doomed anti-hero of the *film noir* once more: A quarter of the way through, someone lost the picture. The station had to substitute Mr Dole's campaign video about his boyhood in rural Kansas and subsequent rise to fame. Oblivious of this disaster Mr Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, talked on to the invited audience in the small room in downstate Illinois from which the speeches were coming.

The video did, however, contain a high moment missing from Mr Dole's implausibly solemn address. During the Senate confirmation hearings on his wife's appointment as President Reagan's Transportation Secretary, Mr Dole para-phrased the American patriot who regretted he had only one life to offer his country.

"Like Nathan Hale, I regret that I have only one wife to give to my country," he growled, which could explain why Mr Dole is so popular with us visitors and other cynics, and so apparently unelectable.

Clashes with police feared at funerals of IRA terrorists

Continued from page 1

Black flags, the traditional symbol of republican mourning, are already flying in some villages along the route to the border and in West Belfast.

The Irish Republic's government yesterday ignored pressure from opposition deputies to ban the plane from landing and so prevent the Provisional movement turning the 60-mile journey to the border into a propaganda exercise, although Mr Charles Haughey's government had wanted the bodies flown directly to Aldergrove airport, on the outskirts of Belfast, even if that meant involving the Royal Air Force.

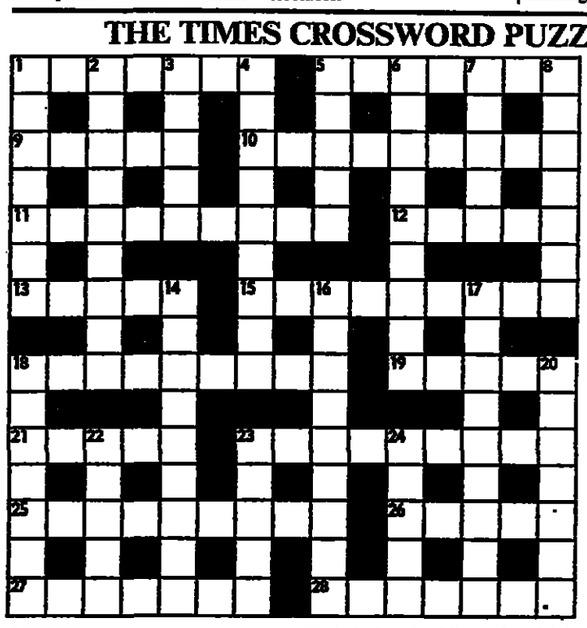
The authorities in the republic want the bodies across the border into the north as quickly as possible and are anxious to prevent any para-military displays.

Mr Sean Barrett, the opposition Fine Gael spokesman for justice, said he feared the arrival of the coffins at Dublin would provide "a show of strength for that callous organization" and that the bodies should be flown directly to Belfast to avoid additional strain on security.

In Northern Ireland a statement from the families said they wanted the burials to go ahead with "dignity and peace". They were responding to a statement from the RUC, which was placed in the province's three major newspapers, outlining its policy towards the policing of terrorist funerals and appealing for an assurance that they would take place within the law.

The brief statement from the families masks differences of opinion, with at least one of the families believed to be in favour a non-IRA funeral.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,616



ACROSS

1 He's to accept rise as arranged, but she's 20 *dn* (7).
5 Hibernating insects — about a thousand altogether (7).
9 Experienced at keeping key record (5).
10 Keen to get rent changed, give voice (9).
11 Banners perhaps causing a wrinkling of the brow (9).
12 Wildcat strike in no uncertain fashion! (5).
13 Equestrian appendage (5).
15 An old sailor, a right-minded man, dancing (9).
18 Cradle-song? (4,5).
19 Quiet sovereign offering support to an artist (5).
21 The people giving Danish leader partial backing (5).
23 "Crossing the _____ Thames at Bab-Lock-hithe" (Arnold) (9).
25 Alsatians worried the attacker (9).
26 Pile into it, though it's far from suitable (5).
27 Intrinsic feature of a European city church (7).
28 A body of soldiers after drink first and foremost (7).

DOWN

1 Erica's man, heart-broken (7).
2 The language one used over cold beast in charge (9).
3 Speak well of previously regressive group (5).
4 Assistant blundering into people practising black magic (9).
5 There are many about on a ship's deck (5).
6 An old clerk's office (9).
7 On the other hand it could make a profit (5).
8 Staggering — like the salvage collectors? (7).
14 Really friendless, calling for indulgence (9).
16 Cuts one in fifty classes (9).
17 Firm beat — is not fluctuating (9).
18 Broadcast ensuring servicemen will join unit in time (7).
20 A barrier, in general, to a beneficiary (7).
22 He laid down the law in the doctors' quarters (5).
23 Several notes needed to get a bit of fish! (5).
24 Punctilious page or groom (5).

Concise crossword, page 10

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

STAR WORDS
By Philip Howard

QUASAR
a. A hypothetical galaxy
b. A magnetic field
c. Not quite a star

DOPPLER EFFECT
a. A tilt in gravity
b. A change in frequency
c. A gap in radiation

BLACK HOLE
a. A hypothesis
b. The far side of a planet
c. The end of the Milky Way

BETELGEUSE
a. A star
b. An asteroid
c. A Belgian astronomer

Answers on page 22, column 1

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,615 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

Southern counties will be cloudy with rain at times, and it may snow in south Wales, the Midlands and East Anglia before milder weather spreads from the South-West. Northern Ireland, south-west Scotland, north Wales and all of northern England will start mainly dry and frosty. Northern and eastern Scotland will be rather cold with sunny periods and scattered snow showers. Outlook: Brighter and showery.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	f	Majorca	15	59	s
Akrotiri	15	59	f	Malaga	19	66	f
Alex'dria	17	63	f	Malta	17	63	s
Algiers	21	70	s	Mally'ne	19	66	c
Athens	15	59	s	Miami*	24	75	f
Bahrain	21	70	s	Milan	15	59	s
Barbados*	27	81	f	Montreal*	-7	19	s
Bermuda*	21	70	f	Moscow	-3	27	sn
Biarritz	13	55	s	Naples	13	55	c
B Aires*	24	75	r	N Delhi	25	77	f
Cairo	20	68	f	N York*	10	50	f
Cape Tn	20	68	fg	Nice	14	57	s
C'blanca	23	73	c	Paris	8	46	r
Chicago*	9	48	s	Peking	17	63	s
Cit'church	15	59	c	Rhodes	14	57	s
Corfu	13	55	c	Rio de J	27	81	s
Dublin	9	48	r	Riyadh	29	84	s
Dubrovnik	15	59	s	Rome	13	55	f
Faro	15	59	f	S F'risco*	14	57	s
Funchal	18	64	c	Seoul	13	55	s
Geneva	10	50	f	Sing'por	31	88	c
Gibraltar	15	59	s	St'kholm	-3	27	s
Hong K	26	79	c	Sydney	26	79	s
Innsbruck	3	37	c	Tangier	19	66	f
Istanbul	10	50	f	Tel aviv	13	55	r
Jeddah	29	84	f	Tenerife	22	72	s
Jo'burg*	13	55	r	Tokyo	15	59	f
Karachi	28	82	s	Toronto*	-4	25	sn
L Palmas	26	79	s	Tunis	20	68	s
Le Touet	8	46	c	Valencia	21	70	s
Lisbon	17	63	s	Vanc'ver*	9	46	s
Locarno	16	64	c	Venice	9	48	s
L Angele*	18	64	s	Wash'ton*	18	64	s
Luxemb'g	5	41	c	Wel'ston	16	61	r
Madrid	15	58	s	Zurich	6	43	f

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	0.7	.17	4	39	cloudy
Bridlington	0.4	.28	5	41	cloudy
Cromer	-	.19	5	41	cloudy
Clacton	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Hastings	1.7	-	11	52	bright
Eastbourne	1.7	-	11	52	bright
Brighton	0.3	-	10	50	cloudy
Worthing	1.6	-	11	52	cloudy
Bognor R	0.9	-	11	52	cloudy
Southsea	0.9	-	12	54	cloudy
Sandown	0.5	-	12	54	cloudy
Bournemth	4.5	-	12	54	bright
Swanage	3.0	-	12	54	bright
Exmouth	0.2	-	10	50	cloudy
Torquay	0.9	-	11	52	cloudy
Falmouth	2.8	-	10	50	sunny
Penzance	4.3	.01	11	52	sunny
Scilly Isles	3.4	-	11	52	sunny
Newquay	2.9	-	11	52	bright
Mrecombe	-	-	9	48	bright
Blackpool	3.2	-	10	50	bright
Douglas	-	.03	7	45	rain
Carlisle	1.3	.09	6	43	cloudy
Anglesey	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Tenby	0.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Aberdeen	7.1	.01	4	39	snow
Aviemore	5.6	.06	2	36	snow
Eskdalemuir	1.1	.31	4	39	bright
Kinloss	4.6	.02	5	41	snow
Lerwick	6.3	.11	0	32	snow
Stornoway	0.4	.02	4	39	snow
Tiree	-	.40	5	41	snow
Wick	6.5	.07	3	37	sunny

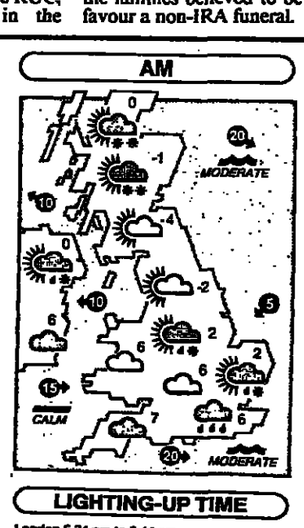
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HIGH TIDES

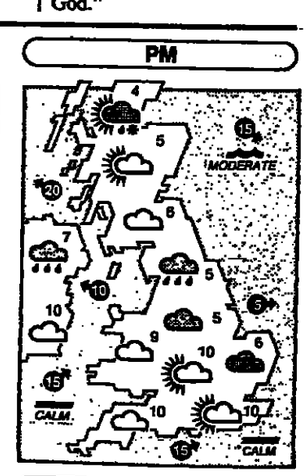
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.02	5.8	10.40	5.8
Aberdeen	9.52	3.5	10.51	3.7
Avonmouth	3.06	9.9	3.53	10.3
Belfast	7.31	2.9	8.18	2.9
Cardiff	2.53	9.3	3.38	9.6
Devonport	1.50	4.4	2.53	4.4
Dover	7.38	5.2	8.22	5.4
Falmouth	1.29	4.2	2.23	4.2
Glasgow	9.00	4.2	9.57	4.1
Harwich	7.55	3.2	8.29	3.1
Holyhead	6.59	4.6	7.48	4.7
Hull	2.48	5.9	3.08	5.9
Ilfracombe	2.15	6.9	3.03	7.2
Leith	11.19	4.5	—	—
Liverpool	7.42	7.6	8.29	7.8
Lowestoft	5.57	2.1	6.01	2.0
Margate	8.25	3.9	8.56	4.0
Milford Haven	2.29	5.4	3.18	5.5
Newquay	1.28	5.5	2.15	5.6
Oban	3.01	3.1	3.46	3.0
Penzance	1.03	4.4	2.01	4.4
Portland	2.49	1.5	3.53	1.4
Portsmouth	7.46	3.7	8.42	3.9
Shoreham	7.39	5.0	8.29	5.3
Southampton	7.25	3.8	8.22	4.0
Swansea	2.39	7.3	3.21	7.5
Tees	12.10	4.2	12.31	4.4
Wilton-on-Nze	7.57	3.4	8.32	3.3

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are GMT

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.34 pm to 5.44 am
Bristol 6.44 pm to 5.54 am
Edinburgh 6.45 pm to 5.58 am
Manchester 6.42 pm to 5.53 am
Penzance 6.56 pm to 6.06 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	4	39	r	Guernsey	9	48	c
B'mgham	9	48	c	Inverness	1	34	f
Blackpool	5	41	r	Jersey	10	50	f
Bristol	9	48	d	London	11	52	c
Cardiff	10	50	r	M'nchster	7	45	c
Edinburgh	3	37	c	Newcastle	1	34	c
Glasgow	2	36	f	R'aldsway	5	41	r

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Bournemouth, Dorset, and Ventnor, Isle of Wight, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Orsay, Strathclyde, 0.43 in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, Grampian, 7.1 hr.

LONDON

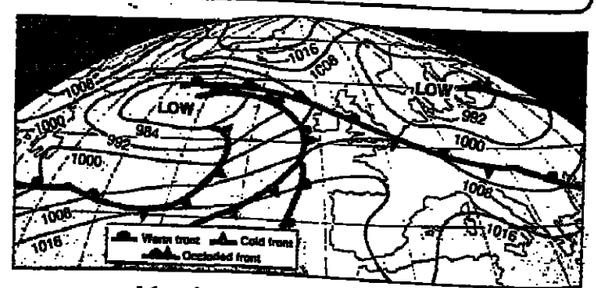
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1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7 (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2 (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.59 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

Sun rises: 6.17 am
Sun sets: 6.04 pm
Moon rises: 5.05 am
Moon sets: 12.54 pm
New Moon March 18

NOON TODAY



Information supplied by London Weather Centre

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.81	2.47
Austria Sch	22.40	21.30
Belgium Fr	68.90	63.70
Canada $	2.41	2.29
Denmark Kr	12.22	11.62
Finland Mrk	7.76	7.36
France Fr	10.81	10.31
Germany Dm	3.19	3.03
Greece Dr	255	235
Hong Kong $	14.85	14.15
Ireland Pt	1.198	1.138
Italy Lira	23.80	22.50
Japan Yen	246	234
Netherlands Gld	3.58	3.41
Norway Kr	12.15	11.55
Portugal Esc	260	247
South Africa Rd	4.15	3.65
Spain Pta	214.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	11.35	10.80
Switzerland Fr	2.62	2.50
USA $	1.825	1.835
Yugoslavia Dnr	2800	2200

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.3 (January)

London: The *FT* Index closed down 22.4 at 1449.9.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 8.95 at 2034.98.

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STOCK MARKET
(Change on week)
FT 30 Share
1449.9 (–28.8)
FT-SE 100
1811.6 (–22.9)
Bargains
29874 (37045)
USM (Datastream)
149.43 (+1.97)

THE POUND
(Change on week)
US dollar
1.8535 (+0.0790)
W German mark
3.0796 (+0.0833)
Trade-weighted
77.4 (+2.6)

US NOTEBOOK

Tumbling dollar leads to restraint

From Maxwell Newton
New York

Some of the worst fears that have developed over the past few weeks have been partly allayed by news of a big downward revision in the January retail sales number and a drop in the February producer price index.

Further reassurance about the trend of Federal Reserve Board policy, so abruptly changed by the enormous rise of the monetary base and money M2 in January and February, has come with the news of a large fall in the monetary base and M2 in the second week of March.

The sudden switch to restraint this month may have had a good deal to do with fears at the Fed of the consequences of the tumbling dollar, whose new weakness presents yet another headache for the global financial system.

Mrs Thatcher has carefully underlined Britain's new global financial authority. Mr Alan Greenspan has been handed another hot potato by the Iron Maiden.

Bond rally

Bonds rallied on Friday on the good news of retail sales weakness and the monetary growth moderation. The 30-year Treasury bond rose a point, taking its yield back down to 8.49 per cent.

The February retail sales number after the January revisions is now only 0.4 per cent above the December level while non-car retail sales are virtually unchanged from November. This means in "real" terms that total retail sales in February were below the December level while non-car real retail sales were below the November level.

The bond shorts were caught by the retail sales revision for January (cut back from a rise of 0.5 per cent to a fall of 0.2 per cent).

But the dollar bears were not convinced.

The dollar continued to record losses as the global financial system shuddered and shook in the aftermath of Mrs Thatcher's decision to let the pound rise above DM3.

With the pound now back to the late December peak and the yen close to its January high, the dollar is definitely under threat. If further dollar deterioration occurs there is the prospect of nastiness in the US financial markets.

Fed problems

The Fed appears to have grasped this point. Fear of a loss of all the January-February gains in the dollar is an important element in the central bank's considerations and may have been the motivation behind the decision drastically to rein in monetary base and money growth.

Further upheavals are expected in the global currency markets once the Japanese fiscal year ends on March 31. Thereafter the Bank of Japan may feel much less urgently about holding the yen at 127, which seems to be an immediate target, to minimize Japanese financial institutions' losses this fiscal year.

But even before that event adds still more weight to the crumbling dollar, the futures markets on Friday provided dramatic evidence of the problems in store for the Fed.

MrManuel Johnson, the vice-chairman of the Fed, said the central bank was going to determine policy by looking at the yield curve, commodity prices and the dollar. But when push comes to shove which of these is the greater? Without doubt, the dollar is the rock on which the whole US system could founder.

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Growth boost for economy

£3bn tax cuts likely after Budget surplus

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, will announce improved prospects for the economy in his Budget tomorrow, as well as making sizeable cuts in both the basic rate and higher rates of income tax.

The economy is expected to grow by at least 3 per cent this year as opposed to 2½ per cent forecast in November. This is faster than most other industrialized countries, except for Japan.

Prospects for inflation have also improved in the short term, pointing to a rate of 4 per cent or less by the final quarter of the year rather than 4½ per cent as forecast by the Treasury. The public sector is expected to turn out in surplus for 1987-88 against a borrowing requirement of £1 billion as assumed in November.

Only the balance of payments has deteriorated, but this too is looking better than a week ago after the upward revision to estimated earnings from invisible exports.

But despite the brighter economic outlook the mood of caution in the City has intensified in the past few days because of uncertainty over the Government's attitude to stability in the pound.

Mr Giles Keating of Credit Suisse First Boston said: "If anything this tells us that fiscal policy needs to be that little bit tighter in order to bring down interest rates."

An interest rate cut is still regarded as possible after the Budget but less likely because of the increased uncertainty over monetary policy. Mr Peter Fellner of James Capel said: "By allowing sterling to move out of its previous range I think they have sacrificed the expectations they have built up over the past year."

Last week's rise in the pound, coupled with the fall in the oil price, could, if sustained, cost the Treasury about £1.5 billion in revenues in 1988-89. But other revenues from taxes on rising incomes, rising profits and a high level of spending in the high street are so buoyant that Mr Lawson still has a great deal of scope to cut both taxes and borrowing.

The consensus among City economists is that the Chancellor should plan for a Budget surplus of £2 billion–£3 billion, which would leave him scope for tax cuts of about the same amount. That would be enough to bring down the basic rate of income tax by 2p to the target of 25p in the pound and to cut the top rate to 45p, perhaps combined with removal of the upper earnings limit on employees' national insurance contributions.

Another view is that Mr Lawson should balance the public accounts without the benefit of privatization proceeds, implying a negative PSBR of about £5 billion.

According to Miss Evelyn Brodie of Morgan Grenfell, the savings ratio has been under-recorded in recent statistics and cannot be expected automatically to rise during 1988-89. This means that spending will continue at a rapid pace, risking overheating in the economy unless the Government's borrowing demands are reduced.

In addition to cutting the basic and higher rates of income tax, Mr Lawson is expected to set out a revised blueprint for reforming the taxation of husbands and wives. This will give everyone a single allowance, possibly allowing partial transferability between spouses. The change would not be completed until the early 1990s.

Mr Lawson may make up for not raising excise duties last year by increasing duties on alcohol, tobacco and petrol by more than inflation.

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Happy landing: Lord Young arrives in Tokyo on the demonstration 146 airliner which BAe hopes to sell to the Japanese

Young promises contracts help

From David Watts, Tokyo

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, intends to ensure that British companies are given the same access to contracts for the new £4 billion Kansai International Airport in Japan as American firms.

The off-shore airport site at Osaka has become a focus of tension because European companies have been effectively prevented from bidding on it, while Japan has been prepared to offer bilateral access to American firms.

"I'm now certain that, in the later stages, British companies will have an opportunity to bid," Lord Young said, after flying by helicopter to the site. He said he would seek during his visit to Japan to ensure that they are allowed the same access to contracts that American firms have been promised.

The first minister of a foreign government to visit the site, Lord Young used the airport project to lead off his Opportunity Japan campaign, aimed at doubling exports in three years.

He said: "I'm the first minister to come here and I want to be the first minister to land here when it opens in 1993."

Lord Young added: "It's breathtaking", as he gazed at the stretch of sea water 60 feet deep, which will be transformed into the airport.

The airport symbolizes the large number of Japanese public works projects which are going to offer potential contracts over the next 10 to 20 years.

In that time, two or three offshore airports will be built and others upgraded.

The Kansai airport, which will rest on 1 million pylons, will be Japan's first 24-hour airport.

The first support arches of the bridge that will link it to the shore are already in evidence.

Lord Young boarded a demonstration British Aerospace 146 airliner at the present Osaka airport for the flight to Tokyo.

To demonstrate its ability to make quiet departures at what is Japan's most noise-conscious airport, the aircraft took off in only 1,800 feet, with a full fuel load, from a runway normally used by turboprop airliners.

As the aircraft passed over the first houses at the perimeter, airport authorities measured its noise level.

British Aerospace is hoping to sell the aircraft as a replacement for the Rolls-Royce powered YS11 turboprops which now serve many short-haul routes in Japan.

BAe executives later hinted at a possible co-production agreement which will be under negotiation this week.

Meanwhile, the Japanese are expected to tell Lord Young today that the Japan Export-Import Bank is ready to provide credits to Cleveland Bridge Consortium for work on the third Bosporus Bridge project.

This is a measure of the turnaround in relations since the bitter arguments over the original Bosporus bridge work, which the British firm lost to Japanese bidders.

Parnes names Iveagh in new Guinness evidence

By Richard Thomson

Two members of the Guinness family were more closely involved in share-buying operations by Guinness, the drinks company, than has so far been known, according to evidence from Mr Tony Parnes, the stockbroker, filed with a Los Angeles court.

According to the evidence, the Earl of Iveagh, who was the chairman until 1986, and Viscount Boyd, who was deputy chairman, approved a payment of £350,000 to Mr Parnes for helping to set up a share buying operation during Guinness's bid for Bell Group, the whisky distiller it bought in 1985.

Mr Parnes claims that the payment — to a Swiss company, Loganberry — was made "with the full knowledge and consent" of three men, including Mr Olivier Roux, Guinness's finance director, and its chief accountant "but also of both the chairman and deputy chairman of Guinness."

Lords Iveagh and Boyd, both members of the Guinness family, were not available for comment yesterday. No family member has until now been implicated in any of the evidence thrown up by the inquiry into Guinness's share dealing operations.

The new evidence is contained in documents filed by Mr Parnes's lawyers and by the British Government as part of moves to extradite the stockbroker back to Britain. The extradition proceedings begin on March 22.

The evidence given by Mr Parnes, who is being detained in California, alleges that there was an hitherto unknown share buying operation during Guinness's bid for Bell.

It says that he was asked by Guinness to find investors willing to buy Bell shares during Guinness's bid for the Scotch whisky group. Mr Parnes introduced Mr Gerald Ronson, the chairman of Heron Corporation, and was paid the £350,000 for his services.

The documents deposited with the court also claim that Mr Ephraim Margulies, the chairman of S&W Berisford, the commodity trader, was involved in share support operations for Guinness and was linked to an alleged cover-up once the Department of Trade and Industry began investigating the affair.

According to the British Government submission: "After the Department of Trade and Industry investigation began, Margulies met Parnes and discussed the possibility of fabricating evidence to be given to the DTI inspectors."

According to the Government's evidence, Mr Parnes claims that Mr Margulies wanted a reward payment of £3.5 million for his part in the support operation.

Ladbroke first with US licence

By Our City Staff

The Ladbroke Group has been awarded Britain's first-ever US betting licence. The development is being hailed by Mr Cyril Stein, chairman, as a significant breakthrough.

Ladbroke Racing, the group's off-track betting subsidiary — already the biggest in the world — has won the sole licence for Wyoming against stiff competition from US groups and a rival British betting organization understood to be Mecca Bookmakers, part of the Grand Metropolitan empire.

The decision by the Wyoming authorities has important implications for Ladbroke. It comes at a time when many states are preparing to relax gambling laws that have forbidden off-track betting.

Ladbroke is already pursuing potential off-track licences in other states. Meanwhile, a bill is expected to be introduced in Michigan this year, designed to legalize off-track betting operated by racecourse owners in the state, where Ladbroke owns and operates the Detroit racecourse.

In Wyoming, Ladbroke will open theatre-style facilities in hotels and entertainment complexes, which will show live racing beamed by satellite.

KIO 'not bound' by BP limit

By Michael Tate

The Kuwait Investment Office does not intend to be bound indefinitely by its declaration last week that it would not take its stake in BP above 22.5 per cent.

Speaking on Channel 4's *The Business Programme* last night, Mr Fauad Jaffar, deputy chairman of the KIO, indicated that the state-owned investment agency was reserving the right to change its mind "if the situation changes".

The appearance by the KIO official followed Friday's disclosure that the Kuwaitis had lifted their stake in BP above 20 per cent — to 22.06 per cent — but did not intend to raise their holding above 22.5 per cent.

But Mr Jaffar said last night: "Any prudent investor must have an open mind and one cannot make judgments on the future of unknown matters. If you could tell me what would happen next year, I could tell you what I would do next year."

But Mr Jaffar rejected a suggestion that KIO's renewed buying was politically provocative. The Government is known to be disturbed by the holding, and has let it be known that it hoped the stake would not rise above 20 per cent.

"It is a free market," said Mr Jaffar. "BP is quoted in this country, in America and Japan. We feel free to increase our stake as we see fit.

Mr Jaffar said the KIO would not seek to exert any influence over the BP board, unless the management planned something it felt was "contrary to the interests of the shareholders". The KIO would then seek initially to discuss such a matter with its fellow shareholders.

UB near to £340m foods buy

By Our City Staff

United Biscuits, Britain's biggest biscuit and snack foods maker, and number two in the fast food business, is poised to move into second place in the frozen foods industry by the time it publishes its record 1987 trading results on Wednesday.

UB has emerged as favourite to buy Hanson's Ross Young's business — Ross Foods and Young's Seafoods — for up to £340 million, despite competition from giants such as Allied Lyons and Grand Metropolitan.

It would establish UB, a relatively small player in the frozen foods market, as number two behind Unilever's Birds Eye offshoot, and provide it with a substantial fourth leg to its operations.

A number of matters remain to be sorted out, but Sir Hector Laing, the chairman of United Biscuits, would clearly like the acquisition to be tied up in time to coincide with the release of the group's preliminary results.

These are likely to show that the group's British activities, McVitie's, KP, Wimpy and Pizzaland, and the Keebler biscuit operation in the United States, have made a near-20 per cent profits advance, to about £145 million.

Ross Young's, thought to be making profits of about £22 million a year, is part of the foods division of the Imperial Group, swallowed by Hanson two years ago after a £2.8 billion takeover battle with UB.

Sir Hector subsequently made it clear to Lord Hanson, the chairman, that he was a buyer should the food operations be broken up and put on the market.

USM REVIEW

First BES firm comes to market

By Michael Clark

DC Gardner Group, the international banking consultant, will be making an entry in the record books this month when it becomes the first company to make the move from the Business Expansion Scheme to the Unlisted Securities Market.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the securities house, is putting the finishing touches to a placing of new shares, amounting to 25 per cent of the equity, which will give Gardner a price-tag of about £7 million. Mr Colyn Gardner, founder and chairman of the company, says the placing should raise about £1.2 million, which will help finance the acquisition of Chewton Place, its new residential training centre in Bath, Avon and the opening of another centre in Cardiff.

Mr Gardner has plenty of experience in the banking world. In 1982, he was a banker himself, working for Bankers Trust. He quickly realized there was a lack of training services within the industry and set about filling the gap. In 1984, he branched out on his own and within a few months had bought his first premises in the City.

The business expanded rapidly and, by the following year, had an impressive list of 130 clients, including the big four banks, Morgan Grenfell, Security Pacific, Standard Chartered and Kleinwort Benson. Offices were established in Amsterdam, Sydney and New York. At the end of 1985, Mr Gardner and his new managing director, Mr Mark Allsup, raised £224,000 of extra capital via the BES scheme.

Mr Gardner said: "We did it ourselves, using our banking expertise. It saved us paying out large sums to merchant banks."

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The group already boasts more than 100 shareholders and has pursuaded most of them to give up their tax benefits in return for shares in the company.

After recording a loss of £59,000 in 1985, the group last year raised pretax profits from £341,000 to £605,000 and is looking for "further substantial progress" this year. Mr Gardner says the order book already stands at £2 million and bookings at Chewton Place are running at 60 per cent of capacity little more than a month after opening.

Training now accounts for 90 per cent of turnover but the group is looking to expand into other areas, including marketing.

Meanwhile, Colorgen, the US-based maker of computerized colour-matching systems, will today unveil its interim results. They are likely to show a loss of between $200,000 (£108,000) and $250,000 as forewarned and marginally better than the loss made in the first half of the previous year.

Mr John O'Brien, Colorgen's chairman, said: "The company is still subject to the seasonality of US paint companies and the busy selling period for our machines — when we make all our money — is from February to July. We warned the market when we went back for more money in April last year that we would make losses in our first half."

The company, the first US greenfield company to float on the USM, made its market debut in October, 1985 and last year reported interim losses of $264,000. But it managed to turn that around into a small profit by the year-end.

Mr O'Brien insists that Colorgen is still on target to satisfy stock market expectations of a profit of more than $500,000 for the current year.

"This should be our last interim loss," he says. "By next year we will have branched out into new markets where the purchasing habits are different — it should even out the seasonality of our existing business."

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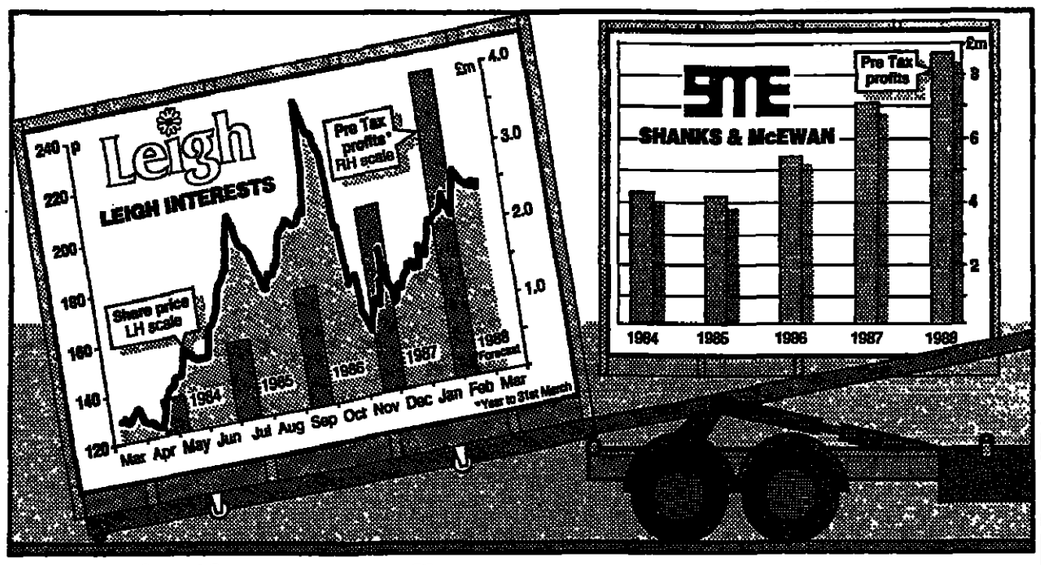
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ANALYSIS

Firms that dig for gold in the nation's rubbish tips



Building profits on society's waste

Nature's scavengers, from vultures and hyenas to blowflies and microscopic bacteria, are among the least lovely of its creations. They live on dead or decomposing material and seem almost to be shunned by the rest of the animal kingdom.

Society's waste collectors are also shunned. Rubbish smells, tips are unsightly and some wastes are dangerous.

But, just as nature's scavengers make their living cleaning up what others do not want, so there are fair-sized businesses that have sprung up on the back of society's wastes. This business, with an estimated value of more than £2 billion a year in Britain, ranges from the labour-intensive collection and disposal of domestic rubbish to the highly technical business of handling toxic and radioactive wastes and rendering them safe.

So, while we may not want to have rubbish dumps in our backyards, or treatment plants down the road, waste disposal companies can make attractive investments.

Rubbish usually hits the headlines when something goes drastically wrong. Fresh in the public mind is the Mabro, the ill-starred barge loaded with Long Island's unwanted rubbish which cruised up and down the East Coast of America with nowhere to go. Attracting flies wherever it went, it became known affectionately as the Pied Piper of the East Coast.

Perhaps more seriously, there have been instances of gas explosions from the methane gas generated by decomposing rubbish on landfill sites. Then there are the problems of polluted water courses and the more intractable and dangerous business of disposing of radioactive waste.

Waste is being produced in ever-increasing quantities by every section of the community and this growth industry handles about 80 million tonnes of rubbish a year. As with all industries, it has its specializations and opportunities. It also has its enthusiasts – those who have made waste their business and are happy, in their own words, to "talk rubbish" all day.

The waste industry in Britain is both highly fragmented and localized. Some of the largest operators are relatively minor divisions of our biggest corporations, many of which became involved in waste disposal to fill in the holes created by the extraction of clay and gravel. Thus, Econowaste is a subsidiary of Tarmac and Hales is owned by RMC. Other participants include Blue Circle Cement, Wimpey Waste Management and the National Freight Corporation's Waste Management.

Corywaste, a subsidiary of Ocean Transport and Trading, barges London's domestic waste down the Thames, as does Cleanaway, a joint venture between GKN and Brambles, the Australian group. ARC, an affiliate of Consolidated Gold Fields, moves it by rail from Paddington.

There are only two quoted vehicles through which investors can gain significant exposure to the business. The West Midlands-based Leigh Interests has a market capitalization of about £50 million, while the Scottish-based Shanks & McEwan, which came to the market last month, has a market value of £160 million. Both companies have other interests, but waste disposal is their main activity.

But despite being in the same industry, the two could hardly be more different.

Leigh will collect and dispose of all types of waste, but it has developed specialized handling techniques for hazardous and toxic wastes and this now comprises about 40 per cent of its 1.6 million tonnes a year business. The balance is mainly commercial and industrial dry waste.

Shanks & McEwan, on the other hand, has concentrated on the collection and disposal of mainly dry industrial and commercial wastes through landfill and is dumping at the rate of 3.7 million tonnes a year. Both companies will dispose of domestic waste but are not involved in its collection.

Both need large amounts of space in which to dump their waste and Shanks & McEwan has made the acquisition of landfill sites an important strategic objective. It now has available space of 81 million cubic metres, with options or pre-emption rights over a further 160 million cubic metres. At the present rate of dumping, this is enough space for 48 years, but this drops to 25 years after allowing for growth.

Mr Peter Runciman, the Shanks chairman and chief executive, says: "After it is dumped, waste forms a huge compost heap, so it has to be safe and you have to control the liquids. Most of our sites are clay pits which are like giant bath tubs – we collect the liquids, clean them up and return them to the water courses."

Leigh Interests is less well endowed with space, especially in the heavily populated South-east. It has enough to last 40 years in some areas and only five years in others, although, as Mr Edward Wilkinson, Leigh's group services director, points out: "The more difficult the waste, the further it can travel for disposal."

Both are continually seeking new landfill space. Minerals are still being extracted at a faster rate than rubbish is being dumped, but few of these spaces are close to population centres.

Returning waste products safely to the land can have further economic benefits, such as land reclamation. Furthermore, the process of decomposition produces methane gas. Historically, the filled sites were covered with soil and the gas escaped into the atmosphere and dissipated. But it is becoming increasingly common for the sites to be sealed with an impermeable clay cap which allows the methane to be collected and used to generate electricity. The value of the power more than justifies the cost of installing the turbines.

Some future opportunities in the business are partly dependent on government action. The industry would like to see tougher controls on waste disposal standards and pollution enforced nationally.

At a more immediate level, the industry would like to see the Government's commitment to privatizing the local authority waste functions backed up by law. Mr Wilkinson expects another 300 collection contracts to come up in the next three years, but he is sceptical about how profitable they will be.

He says: "Recent contracts have gone for low rates. And many contracts which were put out to tender went to office-cleaning companies. Many others were successfully bid for by the local authority's own department."

But perhaps the greatest opportunities for both Leigh and Shanks lie in the consolidation of the numerous small operators making up a large proportion of the industry. Both companies have been making acquisitions at a furious rate and are flush with cash after Leigh's recent rights issue and Shanks's market flotation.

Neither company comes cheap. Since Shanks & McEwan came to the market the shares have risen by 125p to 750p. On the directors' pretax profits forecast of £9.6 million for the year to the end of this month the prospective multiple is 21 and the yield is 2.7 per cent.

Leigh Interests' forecast of £4 million pretax for the year to March – made at the time of last week's rights issue – puts its shares on the slightly less demanding multiple of 18.5 and a better prospective yield of 3.5 per cent.

The high ratings are, perhaps, justified by the defensive qualities of a business which is almost entirely domestic, virtually recession-proof and growing. It is an industry still in its infancy and Leigh Interests and Shanks offer the opportunity to move in on the ground floor.

Carol Ferguson

GILT-EDGED

Sterling's rise presents a poser for the Budget

Last week's surprise decision to allow sterling to rise through its year-old ceiling of DM3 has injected a new element of uncertainty into the gilt-edged market. The question now is: can sterling retain its new hard-currency status? It is a question which preoccupies the foreign investors who have been attracted to gilts over the past year.

Unless the Chancellor can convince in his Budget tomorrow that a 1986-style sterling depreciation is not on the horizon, the investors who pushed the pound through DM3 could prove to be fair-weather friends.

The uncapping of the pound effectively destroyed the prevailing consensus about the nature of British monetary policy. Although never officially admitted, the gilt market had come to believe the authorities were keen to maintain the stability of sterling between DM2.95-DM3. Meanwhile, concerned about the pace of economic growth and average earnings, the authorities appeared to be contemplating tightening monetary policy.

The stronger pound might be seen as an alternative to higher interest rates as a means of tightening, which may console the Bank of England rather more than the Treasury. The difficulty is that the two alternatives, while exerting a disinflationary effect on the economy, have directly opposite effects on the trade balance. Higher interest rates tend to bear down more heavily on domestic demand, thus improving the trade balance, while stronger sterling, by squeezing the external sector, tends to worsen it.

Simulations on the Treasury's computer model of the economy by the ITEM club show, for example, that a 1 per cent rise in base rates will lead to an improvement in the current account deficit of £1.3 billion after two years, while a 5 per cent rise in the value of sterling will lead to a deterioration of £0.7 billion.

In saying that "any further significant rise in the exchange rate. . .would in my view be unsustainable," the Chancellor signalled his own misgivings about the adverse trade implications of a stronger pound and created the impression that the break above DM3 might be just a tactical policy move. But he failed to elaborate on what would constitute a "further significant rise." This is perhaps an ominous sign that he will conceal disagreements, whether tactical or strategic, between himself, Mrs Thatcher and the Bank behind a veil of secrecy tomorrow.

The opaqueness of monetary policy means investors will be seeking comfort from the Chancellor's fiscal plans. The booming economy has generated a flood of tax revenues, a surplus on the PSBR and the prospect of a reduced supply of gilts. This has enhanced the attractions of the gilt market. But this optimism could easily evaporate if the Chancellor opted to use more than, say, £3 billion of the revenue windfall to cut taxes rather than borrowing.

However, reaction to the tax cuts will depend upon their composition as well as their amount. So will there be anything in his proposals that accelerates the disappointingly slow progress being made towards tax reform?

If the Chancellor does take concrete steps to introduce immediate radical tax changes, there might be the prospect for an underlying improvement in real yields over the medium term as investors re-rate the supply-side prospects for the British economy.

The Chancellor will be aware that his ability to repeat this year's prospective tax cut bonanza is likely to diminish over the next few years as growth in the economy begins to subside and growth in tax revenues fades. In this regard, failure to introduce tax reform now would not only represent a lost opportunity but also fail to convince overseas investors of sterling's long-term attractiveness.

No doubt there will be some reductions in higher marginal rates of income tax but it is unclear whether this will do much to convince overseas investors that a significant improvement in the supply-side performance of the economy is about to take place, especially if there is a clawback through higher National Insurance contributions, for example.

A more radical tax reform package might do more to alleviate concern about the trade deficit. A package of tax changes that included measures to curb consumer spending, either through an increase in expenditure taxes, or through measures to increase personal savings and investment, might encourage the market to believe that the balance of payments was not set to spiral out of control.

Such a package would be consistent with the Government's philosophy of switching taxation from income to expenditure. However, the panoply of vested interests ranged against reform is likely to mean that further steps along such a road will be tentative.

Beyond the immediate euphoria surrounding the announcement of the Chancellor's tax windfall, the gilt market will reflect on what he has to say about Britain's current account deficit.

Whatever the reassurances he may have to offer tomorrow, it is unlikely that his Budget measures will prevent the growing deficit from undermining sterling's attempt to attain hard-currency status. If so, the foreign investors who have eagerly entered the gilt market in the past year may be equally eager to leave.

Mark Cliffe and Neil MacKinnon
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CBI backs bid for EEC office

By Derek Harris

A new call for the Government to step up its efforts to have the European Community Trade Mark Office located in London has come from the Confederation of British Industry (CBI).

The CBI plea is being backed by the Law Society, the Chartered Institute of Patents Agents, the Trade Marks Patents and Designs Federation, the Institute of Trade Mark Agents and the Bar Council.

The group wants Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to announce details of the financing package to support the bid to win the office for Britain.

There is an ideal site at St Katharine's Dock, according to the CBI.

RESULTS

TODAY – Interims: Armstrong Equipment, Brierley Investments, Camellia Group, Glaxo Group, Harmony Gold Mining, Industrial Finance & Investment, Keep Trust, MAI, Wolseley. **Finals:** Alida Holdings, Appleyard Group, British Vita, Citygrove, Davidson Pearce Group, Edinburgh Fund Managers, James Fisher & Son, Glynwed International, Hibernian Group, Invergordon Distillers, Kerry Group, Norfolk Capital Group, Pentland Industries, Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, Renishaw, Transport Development Group.

TOMORROW – Interims: Paterson, Zochonis, FW Thorpe. **Finals:** Corah, Low Howard-Spink & Bell, Renaissance Holdings, Robinson Bros (Ryders Green).

WEDNESDAY – Interims: Armitage Brothers, Close Bros Group, Sirdar. **Finals:** Admiral Computing Group, DRG, Jaguar, Renown Inc, Steel Burrill Jones Group, United Biscuits (Holdings).

THURSDAY – Interims: FH Group, SR Gent, HTV Group, Interlink Express, Minorco, Oil Production Stock, Town Centre Securities. **Finals:** Charles Baynes, Beatson Clark, Britoil, CCF Group, Church & Co, T Clarke, Delta Group, Doetlex, Walter Duncan & Goodricke, Enterprise Oil, LM Ericsson, Hall Homes & Gardens, Hamilton Oil, Hampden Homecare, A Jones & Sons, Legal & General Group, Maybourn Group, McLaughlin & Harvey, Morgan Grenfell, Refuge Group, Richardsons, Westgarth, Rowntree, Sequa, Simon Engineering, Watmoughs

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ninth ANNUAL ORDINARY MEETING of Afex Corporation Société Anonyme will be held at the offices of Webber Wentzel S.à r.l., 68-70, boulevard de la Pétrusse, Luxembourg on Wednesday, 30th March, 1988 at 3.00p.m. for the following purposes:-

1. To receive and adopt the reports of the directors, auditors and commissaire for the year ended 30th September, 1987.
2. To receive and adopt the profit and loss account and balance sheet as at 30th September, 1987.
3. To consider and approve and appropriation to legal reserve.
4. To consider the payment of a dividend.
5. To grant discharges to the directors, auditors and commissaire in respect of the execution of their mandates to 30th September, 1987.
6. To receive and act on the statutory nomination of the directors, auditors and commissaire for a new term of one year.
7. Miscellaneous.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meetings of Afex Corporation Société Anonyme will be held at the offices of Webber Wentzel Sàrl, 68-70 boulevard de la Pétrusse, Luxembourg, on 30 March 1988 at 4.00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To consider and approve resolutions:
   (a) Consolidating the Company's share capital on the basis that:
   (i) shareholders will receive one consolidated share of par value US$ 150 in place of every one hundred shares held by them at close of trading on 30 March 1988; and
   (ii) any fractions of shares arising from the consolidation will be cancelled on the basis that such shareholders shall be entitled to receive from the Company payment of US$ 1.80 in respect of each such share of US$ 1.50 held by them prior to consolidation.
   (b) thereafter subdividing each consolidated share into one hundred new shares of US$ 1.50 each.
2. To consider and approve resolutions amending the Articles of Incorporation of the Company:
   (a) to reflect the adopted issued share capital of the Company following the passing of resolutions following as above.
   (b) by the insertion of provisions authorising the Board of Directors, in certain circumstances, to refuse to accept or give effect to transfer of the Company's shares (other than pursuant to normal stock exchange transactions) or to give instructions regarding the payment of dividends.
   (c) by the insertion of provisions authorising the Board of Directors, in certain circumstances, of national or international emergency, to confer upon one or several agents, attorneys or trustees rights to administer or dispose of part or all of the assets of the Company as trustees for the shareholders of the Company, having regard to and taking into account to claims of all bona fide creditors and other persons for the time being having claims against the Company.
   (d) to the effect that, in future, the Annual General Meeting of the company will take place on the first Thursday in March at 3.00 p.m.
3. Miscellaneous.

The purpose and effect of the resolutions described in paragraphs 1 and 2 above are set out in detail in the circular which has been forwarded to shareholders together with the Notice convening the meeting.

The information referred to in Article 33 of the Law of 10 August 1915 relating to companies, as amended, as been filed with the District Court, ("Tribunal d'Arrondissement") at Luxembourg on 7 March 1988.

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Ford designs on 'world car' production hit problems

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Ford's global strategy aimed at reducing the cost of designing and developing cars is being undermined, less than a year after it was conceived by US executives.

Engineers specializing in each of the main classes of model were given overall responsibility for designing their particular vehicle for world markets.

The "centres of excellence" strategy dictated that executive cars, for example, would be designed in Detroit, while Sierra-class models would be developed in Essex and West Germany, and small cars in Japan by Mazda, which is 25 per cent owned by Ford.

However, the new Ford Escort has failed to gain "world car" status because the model, designed mainly by Mazda for Ford US, is considered eight inches too long for the European market.

Ford of Europe will now develop its own Escort, as it has the Fiesta, which will be launched next spring.

As part of the strategy, British and West German engineers are designing a replacement for the Sierra — codenamed CDW 27 — due to be launched in 1993 and sold worldwide.

The next Sierra estate car will have a lengthened wheelbase and Ford's European marketing chiefs would prefer to use this floorpan for the next Granada executive car because the "world" executive car designed in Detroit is considered too wide for European tastes.

As European production of the Granada slips in West Germany, building the new executive car alongside the next Sierra makes economic sense.

But it would leave Ford, the world's second-biggest carmaker, with both an American and European large car in the 1990s, when it had hoped to save money by designing just one.

In the 1970s, Ford, in line with other car makers, tried the "world car" concept but it was considered a failure.

American, British and West German engineers were told to collaborate on the present Escort but the result was two completely different cars for Europe and the US, sharing only the Escort name — and reputedly one bolt.

General Motors' J-car — the Vauxhall Cavalier in Britain — was a more successful "world car" attempt, but the concept still highlighted the problems of developing a common design for all world markets, as it sold much better in Europe than in America.

Ford's "centres of excellence" strategy was an attempt to revive the theoretical benefits of shared design responsibility at a time when engineering resources are scarce.

Top brass fails to impress managers

By Roland Rudd

Britain's managers are significantly more critical of their top management than their counterparts in the United States, reports the International Survey Research group.

In a report out today, the Chicago-based consulting organization disagrees with recent British surveys which argued that business-related aspects of management rarely concerned managers.

Instead, the report shows that British managers are highly critical of their top management in handling various aspects of the business.

In marked contrast with the attitude of managers in the United States, fewer than half the managers feel that a good job is being done in a number of important areas.

However, British managers have a more favourable attitude towards their own advancement opportunities, their compensation, their company's communication system and the intrinsic reward of their work, than they did 10 years ago.

Very few of them feel their top management is doing a good job of providing leadership (28 per cent), working together as a team (28 per cent), making decisions promptly (25 per cent), or communicating to the workforce (22 per cent).

They are also critical of top-management ability to state objectives clearly and anticipate the competition (37 per cent). Higher ratings go to skills in forecasting market needs accurately (47 per cent), managing during changing economic conditions (46 per cent) and planning for the future (43 per cent).

US managers respond more favourably than their British counterparts on seven of 11 questions asked.

US managers feel that their top management is doing a significantly better job of communicating to the workforce (32 per cent), of making decisions promptly (37 per cent) and of providing leadership (41 per cent).

US managers are less convinced that their top management is doing a good job of forecasting market needs accurately (37 per cent), the skill which British managers regard as their top management's greatest strength.

Mr Roger Maitland, ISR's British managing director, said: "The top management of many UK companies still has some way to go before it wins the hearts and minds of this critical resource."

ECONOMIC VIEW

Lawson should indicate a new range for pound

Last week's events in the foreign exchange markets have introduced a new and unexpected sub-plot into tomorrow's Budget drama.

By this stage in the preparations the cast should be down to proof-reading the Red Book and making a final selection of the Chancellor's props. But the decision to uncork sterling and let it bubble up over DM3 has significantly altered the light in which markets will assess Nigel Lawson's package. After weeks of worrying about the fiscal decisions, many of the City sages are now more interested in what he has to say about monetary policy.

What he is likely to say about monetary policy is not very much — unless he astonishes us all by making Britain a full member of the European Monetary System. He will probably confirm the tightening of the target for the narrow measure of the money supply, M0, from 2-6 per cent in the current year to 1-5 per cent in the next, as indicated in last year's Red Book.

Judging by the present acceleration in this aggregate, this target will not be particularly easy to hit, but there seems no good reason for postponing the indicated turn of the screw on inflation.

As to exchange rate policy, which is what everyone is waiting to hear about, Mr Lawson is unlikely to take us much further. Just as there was during the 10-year struggle trying to target M3, the broader measure of the money supply, there is an underlying tension between the demonstrable discipline of setting out firm numerical targets and the practical advantages of being able to exercise some discretion in the interpretation of monetary conditions.

Institutional changes have from time to time made the money supply numbers highly misleading. Exchange rate fluctuations can be equally misleading as an indicator of monetary conditions, particularly for a petrocurrency of sorts, like sterling, while public targets for the pound have the additional disadvantage of giving speculators a clear target to aim at.

Nevertheless, there are considerable countervailing benefits from having an explicit commitment. As Mr Lawson said towards the end of last year, hitching sterling to the mark is likely, over the medium term, to prove a fairly effective counter-inflationary discipline. Without a public commitment the policy is liable to fall under suspicion every time the goal-posts are moved as they were last week.

The least Mr Lawson should now do is to indicate whether the appropriate band for the pound has simply been widened or whether it has moved. At the International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington last autumn he conceded that there might come a time when target ranges for the Group of Seven currencies should be made publicly explicit. But that is not likely to occur in advance of EMS membership.

Ironically, in view of the storm raised by sterling's rise, there is a strong consensus in the City that by the end of the year the pound will be weaker again.

Sterling's relative strength during the end of last year and the beginning of this may owe something to repatriation of portfolio investment from abroad. Last week's balance of payments figures for the fourth quarter of 1987 showed a massive reduction in portfolio investment overseas by financial institutions outside the banking sector following the crash. Nearly £10 billion flowed back across the exchanges, compared with just £648 million during the third quarter. When this flow of money back into Britain slows down, sterling's strength could begin to wilt.

Meanwhile, relief could yet come this week, through a cut in interest rates. If Mr Lawson announces a tight fiscal policy in the Budget then upward pressure may resume on sterling, enabling interest rates to be cut while still keeping monetary policy tighter than it was before, by virtue of the higher pound.

Mrs Thatcher might feel able to reconcile that with her comments in the Commons last week about the danger from inflation because policy would remain tighter than it was before. Mr Lawson will not be changing his decisions on the right level for the PSBR at this late stage, but the rise in sterling is a further reason for caution, so that interest rates can safely be brought down a notch and a limit set on the harm to industry from a stronger pound.

The moral of the tale is that where the policy framework remains very discretionary it is doubly important for the Government both to explain what it is doing and to speak with one voice. If the Chancellor had re-emphasized his commitment to exchange rate stability as a crucial anchor for monetary stability at the moment the pound was uncapped and the Prime Minister had been seen to support him then the shock would have been much less.

Mr Lawson appeared to be giving some broad indications about the new area of operations when he said on Thursday that he did not expect the pound to rise much higher. He must now make this more explicit. The Government may yet be able to avoid any lasting damage to its credibility in the markets, but time will undoubtedly be needed to rebuild the level of confidence in its management which existed before last week.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Gloves off in fight for power contract

By Robert Rodwell

BP Coal's plans to open an open-cast lignite mine at Crumlin, on the banks of Lough Neagh, Northern Ireland, will come under attack on Wednesday.

Meekatharra Minerals, the Australian mining group which holds the rights to the largest of Northern Ireland's three huge lignite fields, near Ballymoney, Co Antrim, will hold a Press briefing, given by senior executives.

They will attack the BP field on environmental, wildlife and hydrological grounds, while promoting their own Ballymoney operation on the grounds of lower costs, greater job creation and less environmental impact.

At issue is the contract to supply a 450 megawatt "mine mouth" power station to burn the lignite at source.

The concession to build and operate Ulster's new plant is expected to be awarded to private enterprise, and the belief exists that BP's Crumlin field is already the chosen site.

Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, who will make the decision, has one easy option — to defer the decision.

He could give the present state-owned Northern Ireland Electricity the £150 million go-ahead to complete the abandoned phase two of Ulster's biggest existing power station, Kilroot, for which two turbo generators already exist, having long since been paid for and stored.



Reaping rewards: Jim Hodkinson at a B&Q garden centre (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

Gardening's big growth area

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

With the spring gardening boom already in full swing because of the mild winter, traders are expecting the biggest growth in the maintenance sector, from patio paving slabs to barbecues and garden furniture.

The trend should benefit the big do-it-yourself superstore chains, said Mr Jim Hodkinson, the managing director of B&Q, the biggest DIY superstore operator, which is part of Woolworth.

He said: "In many maintenance items there is growth of 10 per cent a year or even, as with paving slabs, 15 per cent."

The gardening market is expected to be worth about £1.1 billion this year as it continues to grow at about 3 per cent annually. The maintenance sector, which includes chemicals and fertilizers, is thought to account for 58 per cent of the market, the rest being plants.

Overall growth in the maintenance sector has, net of inflation, been running at an estimated 4.5 per cent a year, while the increase for living items is put at 1.2 per cent.

B&Q claims an 8 per cent share of the total gardening market puts other DIY superstores at 4 per cent and supermarkets at 13 per cent. Woolworth high street stores are credited with 8 per cent.

The country's estimated 1,500 garden centres are thought to account for 27 per cent of the market, while smaller garden shops, mail order houses and other outlets make up the balance.

Mr Hodkinson said: "Garden centres will always tend to have an edge on the living elements, like plants, because of the range they can carry. But that is not the growth area now: the bias is towards the garden as a place of leisure and not a place of work, meaning more patios and fewer vegetable plots."

Mobil plans new fuel plant

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Mobil is to spend £62 million converting its British refinery at Coryton, Essex, to produce high-octane, low-lead petrol.

In common with other leading oil companies it is hoping that the Budget will introduce a lower rate of excise duty on low-lead petrol so that sales will increase. At present, duty on low-lead petrol is 5p a gallon, less than on four-star, but as this almost matches the extra cost of producing low-lead petrol forecourt prices are only about 0.5p lower.

The oil industry estimates that only one in every 20,000 gallons of petrol sold is low-lead and that only 700 of the 20,600 stations in Britain can sell low-lead petrol.

It argues that a financial incentive from the Government would encourage more motorists to have their cars tuned to use low-lead petrol.

Mobil is to install a Continuous Catalytic Reformer (CCR) at its refinery which should be in operation by the end of next year and which will be able to handle 33,000 barrels of oil a day.

Mr Roger O'Neil, the chairman of Mobil Oil, said: "This project is a significant investment for Mobil in Britain. The CCR is the most efficient and cost-effective way of manufacturing high quality gasoline. It will give us greater flexibility in responding to the demands of the market."

Mr Tony Price, the general manager for marketing of Texaco, said: "We are ready to provide nationwide availability of unleaded petrol as soon as the Chancellor makes it worthwhile for us.

Insider-case man charged

Mr Jonathan Greenwood, the dealer involved in the insider trading investigation focused on the Office of Fair Trading, was remanded in custody at Horseferry Road court in London last Thursday, it was learned yesterday. He has been in Israel since shortly after a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into information leaks from the OFT began in December 1986.

Mr Greenwood was accused of obtaining a passport by deception and of attempting to gain a second passport.

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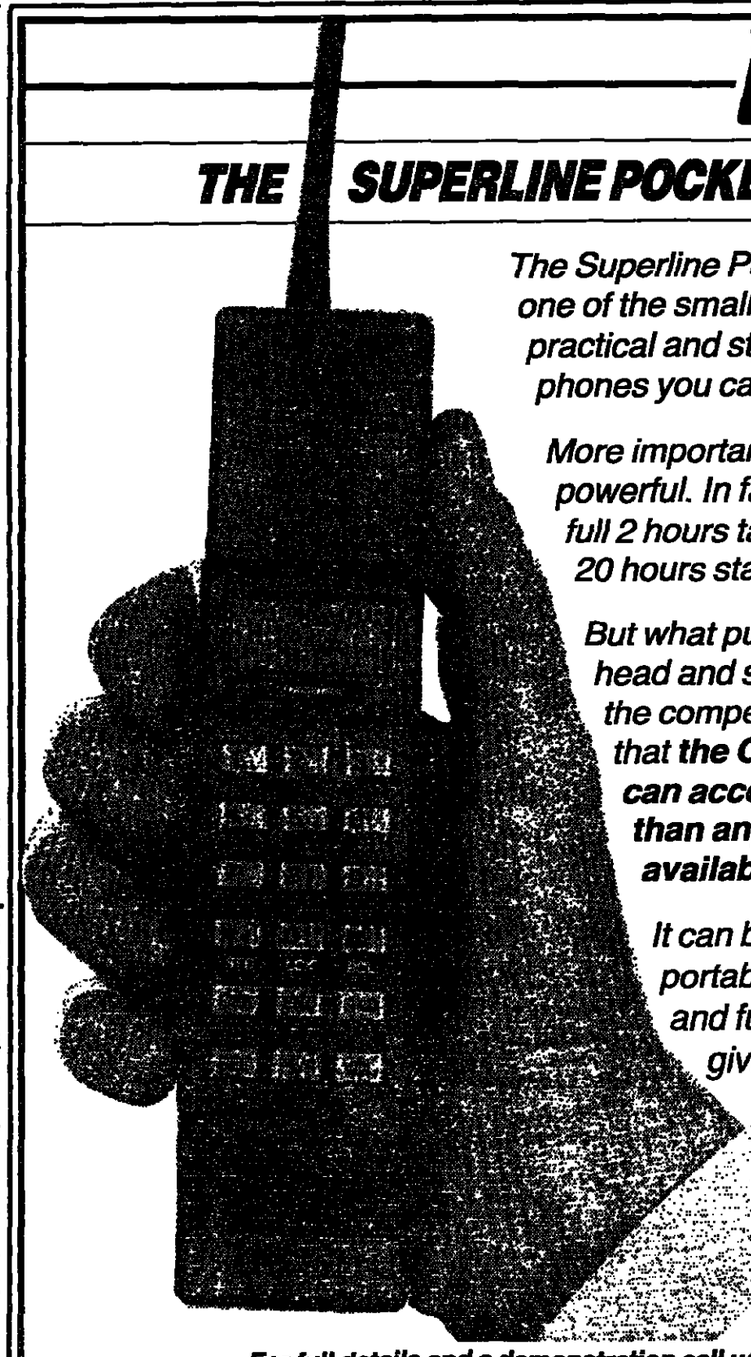
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Heard the one about Jeffrey?

Jeffrey Archer, the former athlete, businessman and MP turned novelist and playwright, is standing on the brink of another career, as a stand-up comedian. Just a couple of days after speaking at a Variety Club luncheon he was back on the rostrum last week at a Chartered Building Societies Institute dinner at London's Café Royal. Archer entertained his far-from-stag audience — including Phillips Son & Neale chairman Christopher Weston, a director of Nationwide — with a string of professionally executed lavatorial jokes. Touching briefly on politics, the erstwhile chairman of the Conservative Party made the somewhat ironic observation that since David Owen's wife was Archer's agent, "10 per cent of my income is the only thing that's keeping the SDP going." It was, however, heartening to learn that he had waived his £350 fee, asking that it be donated to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Wishing Well Appeal.

Good cause

The City certainly believes in catching its money-makers young and training them. The boys at the City of London School are, I hear, planning to raise more than £50,000 — not for any business venture, but to enable the Variety Club of Great Britain to buy specially-equipped coaches for handicapped children. The boys will be giving a star-studded gala banquet at the Hilton Hotel on May 19, and hope that a high proportion of City workers will support them in their plan to sell 1,000 tickets at £75 apiece (available from Keith Prowse on 01 741-9999.) The programme will include many surprise attractions, as well as dancing to the Johnny Howard orchestra.



"Obviously hasn't read the year-end results"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

The old grey nightmare

City public relations man Stephen Perrett, of USM-quoted Broad Street Associates, clearly has hidden powers. Following a circular from stockbroker Charterhouse Tilney about the transportation industry and an announcement last week from Boddingtons' that it was handing over its beer distribution to TNT, Perrett issued a press release entitled *Death of the Dray Horse*. Just two days later a seven-year-old grey gelding by the name of Jupiter — employed as a dray horse by Whitbread — keeled over and died in the traffic jam outside the Old Bailey at . . . wait for it . . . Amen Corner. "I feel awful about it," Perrett tells me. "I feel as though I'm personally responsible."

Manager goes

Market-makers are not the only City folk to lose their jobs as a result of the crash. The toll has just claimed the head of a fund manager. Jonathan Compton, who specialized in the Hong Kong market for the international investment management arm of Barings Bank, resigned last week. Barings refused to elaborate, claiming that it was "an internal matter."

● **According to *Business Week* magazine, facsimile machines have become such an essential part of the American office that mail order houses in the US now accept purchase orders via fax and some banks even allow them to be used for cash transfers. But the latest development could be the last. One US mail order business has started to receive unsolicited advertisements — fax junk mail, no less.**

The power of love

What does romantic novelist Barbara Cartland have in common with the City? The answer: two sons. While her daughter, Raine is, of course, the Princess of Wales' stepmother, her youngest son, Glen McCorquodale, is installed in the private client department at stockbroker Henderson Crosthwaite, now part of Guinness Peat. Ian, the other son, is primarily his mother's agent, but of late he has also become something of a professional company director. He tells me that it was his chairmanship of *Debrett*, the peerage guide, which introduced him to Perth-based industrial conglomerate Trans Continental Holdings, where he is now chairman with a 30 per cent share stake — "I sold the 'down under' rights to *Debrett* to them," he says. He has also joined the board of Rule 535-quoted North West Exploration. "But my main job is managing my mother," he told me, before setting off yesterday on a gruelling four-day business trip to India with her. "She may be 86 but she still runs rings around me — she wrote 23 books last year." While breathtaking, this output is par for the Cartland course — her entry in *Who's Who* contains a list of several hundred publications. Meanwhile, her first made-for-television film, *Hazard of Hearts*, claimed 26 per cent of the Christmas audience in the US and will be screened by the BBC this year. "We start filming another in May," McCorquodale says.

Carol Leonard

British foremen lag behind in training

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Foremen in British industry lag a long way behind their West German counterparts when it comes to training and qualifications. About seven times as many works foremen in the Federal Republic acquire technical and organizational qualifications, and steps taken in this country in recent years to bridge the gap "still have a long way to go".

These are the findings of research by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, which found that skilled workers in Britain had far less incentive than the Germans to seek higher qualifications.

According to a report, some 40,000 German candidates passed examinations at *meister* level in 1985 in a wide variety of industrial occupations, while the number of Britons acquiring supervisory qualifications was much lower. Nearly 5,000 passed the National Examinations Board for Supervisory Studies course that year. The diploma course was passed by 1,100 and about 400 completed the introductory course.

The report says that the average West German worker received a higher level of initial vocational training than his British counterpart. The basic mathematical competence of the average school leaver (aged 15 to 16) was substantially higher in West Germany.

The report states: "In large and unionized British plants, the acceptance of demarcation lines between trade unions often hinders the exercise of flexible skills on the part of the supervisors, and tends to enshrine the practice of narrow skilling.

"Much patient negotiation between employers and unions will be necessary before British foremen will be able to contribute to the smooth running of production in the same way as the German *meister*."

The report says pay differentials in Britain seemed to provide inadequate incentives for very many potential foremen to seek qualifications at their own expense.

National Institute Economic Review No 123, £12.50 from 2 Dean Trench Street, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HE.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 77.4 (day's range 77.1-77.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for March 11

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8440-1.8540	1.8530-1.8540	0.31-0.28pr	0.94-0.89pr
Montrl	2.3170-2.3314	2.3246-2.3277	0.13pr-0¢dis	0.30-0.07pr
Amstrdm	3.4464-3.4633	3.4598-3.4633	1¾-1¼pr	4½-3¾pr
Brussels	64.12-64.61	64.45-64.61	24-6pr	55-33pr
Copnhgn	11.7490-11.7914	11.7698-11.7914	¼-1¼dis	1¼-2¼dis
Dublin	1.1488-1.1527	1.1514-1.1525	16-11pr	40-30pr
Frankft	3.0645-3.0804	3.0789-3.0804	1¾-1¼pr	4¾-3¾pr
Lisbon	251.52-253.81	252.19-253.26	105-169dis	310-415dis
Madrid	206.82-207.83	207.35-207.83	32-63dis	92-124dis
Milan	2277.97-2288.76	2283.82-2288.76	2-10dis	8-19dis
Oslo	11.6817-11.7165	11.6917-11.7165	4¾-5¾dis	15¾-16¾dis
Paris	10.4509-10.4862	10.4602-10.4751	1pr-¾dis	2-1¼pr
Stckhlm	10.9183-10.9571	10.9495-10.9549	¼-1¼dis	1-2dis
Tokyo	235.57-236.29	235.89-236.20	1¾-1¼pr	3¾-3¼pr
Vienna	21.51-21.63	21.60-21.63	9¼-9¼pr	27-24¾pr
Zurich	2.5365-2.5437	2.5405-2.5437	1¾-1¼pr	4¾-4pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	11.5206-11.8196
Australia dollar	2.5300-2.5382
Bahrain dinar	0.6935-0.6975
Brazil cruzado*	192.94-194.04
Cyprus pound	0.8200-0.8300
Finland marka	7.4250-7.4950
Greece drachma	244.50-246.50
Hong Kong dollar	14.4295-14.447
India rupee	23.75-23.95
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5045-0.5065
Malaysia dollar	4.7109-4.7163
Mexico peso	4170-4270
New Zealand dollar	2.7601-2.7658
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.9000-6.9400
Singapore dollar	3.7283-3.7322
S Africa rand (fin)	4.9825-5.0410
S Africa rand (com)	3.9012-3.9108
U A E dirham	6.7550-6.7950

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6065-1.6100	Denmark	6.3490-6.3540
Singapore	2.0145-2.0155	W Germany	1.6815-1.6822
Malaysia	2.5455-2.5480	Switzerland	1.3712-1.3722
Australia	1.3670-1.3680	Netherlands	1.8675-1.8685
Canada	1.2540-1.2550	France	5.6525-5.6555
Sweden	5.9075-5.9125	Japan	127.25-127.35
Norway	6.3150-6.3200	Italy	1231.0-1234.0
		Belgium (Com)	34.76-34.81
		Hong Kong	7.8005-7.8020
		Portugal	136.20-136.70
		Spain	111.85-112.00
		Austria	11.57-11.59

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MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 9 Finance Hse 8½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9 Low 7½ Week fixed: 8¼
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – $8^{5}/_{16}$ 3 mth – $8^{11}/_{16}$
Selling: 2 mth – 8¼ 3 mth – $8^{5}/_{16}$
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: $8^{1}/_{2}$-$8^{15}/_{32}$ 2 mth: $8^{15}/_{32}$-$8^{17}/_{32}$ 3 mth: $8^{11}/_{16}$-8¾
6 mth $8^{29}/_{32}$-$8^{31}/_{32}$
Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9¼ 2 mth: 9¼ 3 mth: 9¼
6 mth 9¼
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8¼ close 10
1 week: $8^{7}/_{16}$-$8^{5}/_{16}$ 1 mth: $8^{15}/_{16}$-$8^{11}/_{16}$ 3 mth: $8^{15}/_{16}$-$8^{13}/_{32}$
6 mth: $9^{1}/_{16}$-$9^{1}/_{16}$ 9 mth: 9⅜-9¼ 12 mth: $9^{1}/_{16}$-$9^{5}/_{16}$
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 7¾ 7 day: 7¾ 1 mth: 8¾
3 mth: 8¾ 6 mth: 9 12 mth: $9^{1}/_{16}$
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 9-9¼ 2 mth: 9¼-9 3 mth: 9¼-9¼
6 mth: 9¼-9⅜ 9 mth: 9¼-9⅜ 12 mth: 9¼-9½
Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: $8^{13}/_{16}$-$9^{1}/_{16}$ 3 mth: $8^{15}/_{16}$-$8^{13}/_{32}$ 6 mth: 9⅛-9
12 mth: 9¼-9⅜

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 6.70-6.65 3 mth: 6.70-6.65 6 mth: 6.90-6.85
12 mth: 7.10-7.05

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	$8^{5}/_{16}$-$8^{7}/_{16}$	6¼-6⅜	$6^{13}/_{16}$-$7^{1}/_{16}$	7-6⅛
Call: 6¼-5⅞				
Deutschemark:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-3⅜
Call: 3¼-2½				
French Franc:	7⅛-7⅜	8¼-8	8¼-8⅛	$8^{7}/_{16}$-$8^{5}/_{16}$
Call: 7¾-6¾				
Swiss Franc:	1⅝-1¾	$1^{15}/_{16}$-$1^{13}/_{16}$	2-1⅞	2⅛-2¼
Call: 1¼-⅛				
Yen:	3⅜-3⅛	4¼-4⅛	$4^{9}/_{16}$-$4^{7}/_{16}$	$4^{9}/_{16}$-$4^{7}/_{16}$
Call: 3¼-2⅛				

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Avge rate: £8.5658%
Next week: £100m

allotted: £100m
received: 51%
received: 3%
last wk: £8.7688%
replace £100m

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
6,630,000	A & M Gp	11	..	..	..	40.7
20.2m	ASD	283	+15	12.3	4.3	13.4
8,121,000	ATA Selection	66	..	2.5	3.2	26.1
21.8m	Abbeycrest	167	r -18	2.7	1.6	15.0
6,760,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	46	..	1.66	3.3	..
——	Access Satellite	..	..	..	4.41	..
17.9m	Acorn Comp	27	-1	..	..	25.2
18.8m	Acres Group	78	+16	..	..	..
11.9m	Aimspring	195	..	8.5	4.4	10.6
6,535,000	Aid Restaurants	71	+5	1.7	2.4	..
31.7m	Alfet Bus Sys	85	+4	2.2	2.6	37.6
——	Do Wrnts	30	..	..	..	..
11.2m	Amber	191	-4	4.1	2.1	20.0
43.1m	Amp Holographics	300	-1	..	..	..
——	Do Wrnts	288	..	..	..	..
113.2m	Aran Energy	70	+2	..	..	..
30.6m	Ashapell	435	..	4.1	0.9	38.6
58.5m	Aspen Comms	405	+15	7.09	1.7	25.1
147.4m	Aspray	276	-5	5.8	2.0	15.6
2,008,000	Assoc Energy	29	+2	..	..	..
262.4m	Atlantic Sec	91	-4	..	..	..
18.2m	Atlas Equipment	227	-1	8.0	3.6	18.5
5,845,000	Autocrypt	120	+2	2.5	2.1	16.3
4,499,000	BBB Design	58	..	1.41	2.4	16.1
11.1m	BCE	40	●-1	..	3.5	16.1
4,271,000	BTS Grp	83	..	5.8	7.0	15.7
12.1m	Bawerco	165	..	6.9	3.7	14.7
4,750,000	Bedford (William)	100	..	6.6	4.4	9.1
6,382,000	Bensons Crisps	85	-7	3.7	0.8	14.6
6,480,000	Berry Birch & Noble	108	..	5.8	5.4	11.5
4,218,000	Bilston&Bettersea	100	..	2.1	2.1	19.9
5,223,000	Bio Isolates	30	+1	..	..	..
8,000,000	Biomedics	26	-1	..	..	..
4,674,000	Blancomb	58	-1	5.2	9.1	10.9
49.9m	Blenheim Exhib	485	-10	5.5	1.1	40.3
23.9m	Bluebird Toys	315	-17	8.5	2.7	12.5
10.9m	Bonded Laminates	120	+10	3.3	2.8	..
4,149,000	Border TV	41	●..	2.0	4.9	10.5
51.2m	Borland	104	●-2	..	..	..
5,038,000	Brewmaker	12	r ..	2.1	17.5	50.0
4,825,000	Br Bloodstock	135	●..	12.1	9.0	9.8
17.8m	Br Island	98	+1	2.7	2.7	13.4
14.9m	Broad St	47	-2	2.5	5.3	18.0
51.2m	Brookmount	300	..	2.1	1.6	21.0
3,295,000	Bryant ((Hotels)	129	-5	2.7	2.1	33.1
——	Bula Resources	5	..	..	..	..
28.9m	Buttard	263	+27	8.4	3.2	46.5
10.0m	CCA Galleries	102	..	3.8	3.7	14.1
32.1m	CCF	248	+5	3.4	1.4	..
19.7m	CML Micro	115	..	..	..	..
14.7m	CPU Comp	91	..	..	..	75.8
——	Caledonian Oil	215	+10	..	..	..
7,770,000	Camotech	111	..	2.8	2.5	30.7
5,987,000	Cap & Regional	76	..	0.1	0.1	58.0
1,766,000	Carron Phoenix	180	+5	..	..	..
7,000,000	Castle Comm	195	..	5.5	2.8	13.8
39.7m	Chancery Secs	218	-10	5.5	2.5	23.6
12.5m	Chelsea Man	120	-10	4.0	3.3	12.8
784,000	Chem Methods	22	+1	..	..	..
2,196,000	Cifer	14	-1	..	..	9.5
17.5m	Citigroove	220	..	3.4	1.5	22.5
92.3m	City Merchants	136	+2	2.1	1.4	1.5
20.4m	Clayleigh	435	..	9.7	1.0	28.2
8,609,000	Cluptrol	167	+5	2.5	1.8	10.5
12.9m	Clarke Hooper	155	-5	3.7	2.4	17.0
5,787,000	Clogau Gold	265	..	..	..	..
45.2m	Cluff Oil Hdgs	91	-1	..	..	..
24.5m	Coastal Electrodes	265	..	5.5	5.8	11.1
21.1m	Cobra Emerald	91	..	..	..	..
3,444,000	Colorgen Inc	31	..	..	..	..
22.0m	Comptrgrams	205	+1	1.9	0.9	23.9
29.1m	Computation	212	..	2.3	1.1	30.1
11.2m	Co of Designers	105	-1	..	..	12.7
7,777,000	Comp Financial	175	+3	3.4	1.9	13.5
9,257,000	Compsoft	80	..	..	..	10.1
20.7m	Cons Tem Invs	47	..	..	..	31.5
10.4m	Contl Microwave	195	..	4.0	2.1	15.4
41.4m	Cook (DC)	171	..	2.9	2.3	..
385.0m	Coppercorp	290	..	2.7	2.0	16.2
14.7m	Corporate Prop	52	..	0.4	0.8	..
8,085,000	Cowells	110	..	..	4.1	37.1
8,250,000	Crampborn	310	..	..	4.8	15.8
6,000,000	Cranbrook	75	..	..	4.0	20.7
5,480,000	Cranswick	98	..	7.6	7.8	9.5
5,235,000	Crason Lodge	94	+2	3.4	3.6	17.0
7,517,000	Crighton Abs	230	+4	5.3	2.6	18.5
5,373,000	Crown TV Prods	157	..	..	..	21.6
8,215,000	Davies (EW)	135	●-5	5.5	3.5	12.2
10.1m	Dean & Bowes	155	+2	4.8	3.5	22.9
2,800,000	Dewhurst (Andrw)	25	..	..	..	39.4
13.7m	De Morgan	83	..	2.2	2.6	..
3,732,000	Delmar	53	+1	3.0	5.7	10.2
5,159,000	Demmens Elec	120	..	5.5	4.7	7.4
64.1m	Denney Warren	230	+15	..	..	8.1
10.6m	Deterra	290	..	..	4.1	15.3
23.3m	Dolphin Packaging	121	●..	..	2.7	..
24.5m	Druck	398	●..	..	7.1	18.0
9,138,000	Duncan	31	●..	..	1.8	15.5
6,250,000	Eadie	84	-2	4.9	5.4	12.7
5,571,000	Ealing Elect Optics	238	+3	3.8	5.7	6.7
——	Ecotric	41	+3	..	..	..
13.4m	Epsom Cons	98	-2	4.7	4.8	13.5
3,998,000	Edn Oil & Gas	75	..	..	..	75.0
28.7m	Skilldga Popa 'A'	348	..	10.5	3.0	14.3
14.6m	Electron House	133	●-2	5.8	4.2	74.3
5,780,000	Entertainment Prod	16	-1	..	..	8.0
23.8m	Epwin	151	..	5.5	3.5	..
14.2m	Eve Construction	153	●-5	6.9	4.5	10.4
36.6m	Exploura Hdgs	327½	+2	..	..	..
6,882,000	F H Group	80	..	6.5	8.9	13.7
6,320,000	Fairway London	80	●-1	4.1	5.1	13.8
6,593,000	Feedback	78	..	3.4	4.4	20.7
5,070,000	Fergebrook	20	-1	..	..	1.7
186.0m	Fiesta (Mrs)	124	..	..	..	..
18.6m	Finlay	141	+9	3.7	2.6	..
73.9m	Firstland	43	-10	..	..	..
22.5m	Fletcher Deboys	41	..	..	..	9.5
19.1m	Flotech	48	+2	..	..	8.1
36.2m	Fogas	165	..	..	..	..
17.7m	Floyd Oil	30	..	..	..	12.3
39.2m	Ford Sellar	93	..	..	..	..
12.6m	Forward Gp	173	●+2	3.9	1.7	21.4
23.7m	French Caun	140	+2	7.2	4.6	14.8
58.6m	Fuller Smith 'A'	450	..	7.5	1.5	19.9
6,894,000	GC Flooring	73	..	2.7	3.7	12.5
16.0m	Gabbicci	138	-2	4.5	3.2	12.1
7,630,000	Gas Tech	85	..	1.4	1.7	..
5,817,000	Gibbon Lyons	145	+15	5.7	3.9	17.8
11.4m	Globe Mew	208	●..	5.5	2.6	18.8
4,348,000	Global Gp	76	+2	4.1	5.4	10.1
5,853,000	Hacker Warren	120	..	3.0	2.5	14.0
23.0m	Goodhead Print	176	●-4	5.5	3.1	14.0
11.9m	Graham Motor Gp	113	+3	3.1	1.7	1.5
10.5m	Granyte Surface	75	..	3.5	4.8	11.3
25.2m	Great Southern	260	+10	4.8	1.8	19.1
16.4m	Green (Ernest)	223	+20	5.8	2.6	16.2
2,170,000	Greenwich Cable	31	+1	..	..	..
15.5m	Guidehouse	70	+4	..	..	..
18.7m	Hallis Homes	182	+13	3.8	2.4	24.5
9,583,000	Hampden Homecare	96	+10	2.2	2.6	12.4
16.6m	Harmony Leisure	64	+2	0.1	0.2	..
8,625,000	Hatfield Estates	115	..	2.1	1.8	..
46.6m	Hawthorn Leslie	29½	+½	0.3	1.0	29.5
12.2m	Health Care	85	+2	1.2	1.4	21.5
3,711,000	Heavitree	715	●-5	17.0	2.4	19.3
8,956,000	Do 'A' LV	680	●+3	17.0	2.5	17.8
7,214,000	Hewetson	195	●+1	3.7	3.5	17.7
10.1m	Hey & Croft	135	●..	..	5.3	3.9 9.9
29.5m	Highland Part	171	-2	..	..	..
4,872,000	Hille Ergonom	43	+2	2.7	6.3	10.2
14.3m	Hobson	42	-1	..	..	48.2
41.0m	Hodgson	231	●..	3.2	1.4	18.9
675.4m	Holmes Protection	192	●+6	..	..	..
12.2m	Honeysuckle Gp	151	●+5	5.8	3.7	14.4
11.4m	Hornby	143	..	4.4	3.1	14.2
82.0m	Hughes Food	191	●+2	6.7	6.7	38.8
24.9m	Hughes (HT)	76	+1	3.1	4.1	..
7,199,000	Hunwood Exc	24	-2	..	..	..
6,182,000	Huntleigh Tech	75	..	1.4	1.9	60.7
3,371,000	INSTEM	76	-3	3.4	4.5	16.3
——	Image Storage	95	..	..	..	..
7,008,000	Imtec	10½	r +½	..	..	1.3
2,823,000	IntraRed	40	..	..	..	..
13.0m	Intereurope Tech	220	..	8.8	3.5	10.7
98.5m	Interlink Express	535	+40	8.0	1.5	38.4
21.9m	Israel (Jack L)	284	+3½	0.7	2.7	27.1
34.3m	Jaguard Vert	375	+10	9.6	2.6	17.8
2,000,000	Jetsons	15	..	..	..	0.4
12.6m	Johnson Fry	138	●+11	3.4	2.7	15.5
13.0m	Johnsonmos Paints	124	●-4	6.5	5.2	11.0
9,713,000	KSB Elec	185	+5	4.1	2.2	17.8
5,700,000	Just Rubber	76	+1	2.7	3.6	13.0
42.2m	Kenyon Secs	398	-5	8.2	2.7	57.8
8,045,000	Kermit Systems	135	..	2.1	1.6	17.9
7,654,000	Klark-Teknik	48	..	1.6	3.8	10.8
8,512,000	Knobs & Knockers	116	●+10	1.6	1.4	..
35.1m	Kontek	98	+1	1.4	..	..
4,947,000	LPA Ind	123	●-12	4.1	6.5	11.0
10.3m	Laidlaw Thomson	152	+10	5.5	4.3	11.8
17.2m	LBMS Plc	142	+2	1.4	1.0	..
20.2m	Lawmar	85	..	3.6	4.2	10.2
85.7m	Local Lon Gp	430	-10	10.0	2.3	22.1
7,980,000	Logic Sys	101	..	2.5	2.5	8.5
9,346,000	Lon & Clydesdale	103	-2	7.5	7.5	12.0
201.2m	Lon Forfaiting	159	-5	..	..	..
9,276,000	Lorlin Elect	147	+10	4.8	3.3	10.7
9,588,000	Lyonsgate Pet	36	..	..	..	..
5,564,000	M5 Cash & Carry	771	+5	4.9	0.9	7.5
11.8m	MMT Comp	116	..	1.5	1.3	17.0
9,788,000	McLaughlin & Har	242	+7	10.3	4.3	16.2
12.0m	Magnetic Materials	68	..	4.0	5.9	9.0
7,591,000	Makro	185	●..	2.4	1.3	22.8
12.8m	March Gp	108	-7	5.8	5.4	..
13.5m	Marzel Gp	95	..	1.0	1.1	..
41.7m	Marine Dev	280	+12	..	..	..
21.6m	Martin (Ronald)	208	+2	5.7	2.7	17.7
3,300,000	Maydorne	85	+2½	..	..	..
16.3m	Maybom	84	+13	4.4	5.1	8.0
5,837,000	Memory Comp	23½	+½	..	..	..
3,154,000	Mercom Intl Hdgs	30	..	..	..	2.0
24.8m	Merseyside Dvlpt	295	●-2	4.7	2.1	18.4
16.4m	Merrydown Wine	369	..	7.5	1.9	22.1
13.7m	Metal Bulletin	156	●-5	5.5	4.2	18.8
17.1m	Metsec	134	+1	4.0	3.0	23.5
3,135,000	Micanite (John)	98	+11	..	..	6.8
39.7m	Microsystems	265	●+2	4.1	1.4	15.0
11.6m	Microvitec	49	+3	2.1	4.9	15.3
20.0m	Miller & Barthouse	436	+6	3.9	0.9	60.3
9,146,000	Millward Brown	138	..	4.1	3.3	10.8
4,485,000	Miss World	230	+13	11.0	4.8	11.7
24.0m	Mitys	245	●..	1.6	0.7	28.5
10.1m	Modulaire Visions	47	..	..	..	21.1
21.4m	Monks & Crane	120	+4	4.4	3.7	11.2
41.4m	Monotype	225	+3	8.4	3.8	12.9
8,484,000	Morgrgate	139	+3	2.5	1.9	19.5
2,674,000	Morris (William)	8	..	..	..	3.2
11.1m	Mowat	38	..	4.1	4.2	13.3
6,625,000	Mucklin	96	-1	..	..	72.7
16.4m	New England Props	16	..	1000	10.5	..
285,000	Do 10%	285	..	..	10.5	7.5
10.0m	Novagge Trans	66	●-5	4.8	5.6	..
——	Nimbo	..	..	..	..	..
106.0m	Norfolk House	106	-2	..	..	..
3,550,000	Norstein	57	+1	1.0	1.8	..
34.9m	Nth Sea & Gen	65	+3	2.4	2.7	15.4
7,806,000	Northumbrian Fins	68	+2	..	..	9.6
4,568,000	Oilfield Inspec	19	..	..	..	..
——	Optimetrics	238	..	..	..	..
13.1m	Orchid Tech	76	r +7	..	..	..
17.9m	Osborne & Little	257	+2	5.9	2.3	18.7
6,856,000	PCT	150	+2	4.9	3.3	21.9
27.0m	PML	70	..	..	..	27.8
6,000,000	Pacer Systems	135	+2	..	..	..
16.5m	Paddle Sales	270	+20	2.7	1.0	40.5
85.5m	Parkway	232	r ..	2.1	0.7	38.1
3,490,000	Pathfinders	23	..	..	..	6.8
7,057,000	Penon	105	..	..	..	8.1
13.9m	Pegasus	280	+7	..	..	..
53.6m	Pelle Group	270	●+7	5.1	1.9	17.0
3,000,000	Penlaon	48	-2	1.4	3.5	20.0
12.9m	Perkins Foods	90	●+12	1.5	1.7	25.8
14.3m	Personal Computer	295	●+12	5.5	1.9	19.2
20.8m	Peters (Michael)	158	r +3	4.8	2.8	15.7
1,582,000	Phoenix Timber	135	..	..	..	..
5,200,000	Picadilly Radio	65	●..	3.7	4.8	14.7
16.2m	Pict Pet	98	-1	..	..	9.4
12.2m	Pineapple	81	..	..	..	25.7
2,760,000	Plasmec	58	+2	3.3	5.5	7.5
2,245,000	Pleion	215	●+4	2.3	1.0	28.4
26.5m	Plum Hdgs	215	+5	4.1	1.9	28.4
11.2m	Polynesh Marine	128	..	..	..	..
3,248,000	Prem Leisure	52	..	2.0	2.2	8.1
5,840,000	Prontaprint	80	..	1.4	1.8	28.1
16.6m	Property Trust	24	..	..	..	..
10.6m	Quarto	145	-2	4.5	3.0	17.5
9,550,000	Quessel	215	●-5	7.4	3.5	10.3
22.1m	RKF	85	..	3.0	3.5	18.1
13.6m	Radamec	92	..	1.8	2.0	18.9
2,508,000	Radio City 'A'	114	..	..	..	..
5,597,000	Radio Clyde	97	-2	5.8	6.0	9.5
25.8m	Radius	295	●-3	5.8	2.3	17.8
4,211,000	Ramco Oil	265	..	..	..	5.1
6,332,000	Ramus	143	-2	8.9	6.2	7.8
97.9m	Randsworth	148	+5	1.3	0.9	40.0
6,580,000	Real Time Control	57	-1	2.7	2.9	16.4
9,548,000	Regina Health	52	..	0.4	0.7	98.9
12.8m	Reliance Sec	117	+2	6.2	5.3	10.7
2,159,000	Reliant Motor	39	+2	..	..	13.9
20.8m	Rockwood	81	+11	..	..	68.2
4,864,000	Rolls & Nolan	180	..	4.8	2.7	18.8
6,076,000	Rural Planning	56	+2	..	..	..
27.3m	SAC	134	+1	4.8	3.6	13.5
7,854,000	SBS Ind	71	-1	..	..	11.8
5,841,000	Sanders Sydney	147	..	8.2	5.6	18.4
5,566,000	Sapphire Pet	28	..	..	..	3.5
62.4m	Savage	282	+1	3.1	1.5	23.9
3,305,000	Scapa	107	+1	3.4	3.2	15.4
72.1m	Scot Heritable	182	-1	8.0	3.3	15.5
13.4m	Sec Archives	215	+5	3.2	1.5	..
16.6m	Select App	165	+15	3.4	2.1	23.2
2,744,000	SelectTV	80	+1½	..	..	..
31.9m	Share Drug Stre	393	..	4.1	1.4	25.8
30.3m	Sharp & Law	175	-4	4.1	2.3	23.5
4,250,000	Sheldon Jones	72	●+1	6.4	8.9	14.2
3,000,000	Shelton (Martin)	80	..	2.4	4.0	..
11.8m	Sherwood Comp	230	+30	5.5	2.4	13.8
46.4m	Sherwood Group	385	+30	..	..	..
10.8m	Shield	103	-5	4.1	4.0	12.5
8,550,000	Shoraiplan	95	●+2	1.4	1.5	10.8
2,891,000	Shorco	118	+1	5.0	4.2	11.9
4,494,000	Sidmar	146	+2	3.5	2.4	7.9
39.2m	Sims Catering	448	..	12.5	2.8	23.9
28.5m	Sinclair (William)	260	-5	8.5	3.4	21.2
14.6m	Smallbone	98	●+7	2.5	2.6	19.8
5,800,000	Soundcraft	312	-2	6.3	2.0	14.8
62.7m	Stan Bus	215	-1	..	..	48.2
11.2m	SW Resources	21½	..	2.7	2.9	25.5
4,850,000	Space Planning	385	●+1	1.5	0.5	22.7
29.0m	Spandar	48	+2	..	..	5.3
7,787,000	Spectrum	170	+5	4.9	2.9	13.1
13.1m	Spica	170	r +8	3.0	3.5	57.1
4,116,000	Splash	165	+5	6.2	6.2	59.6
9,360,000	Stainless Metal	180	..	..	..	..
9,108,000	Stanco Exhib	124	-3	..	.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 7. Dealings end Friday. §Contango day March 21. Settlement day March 28.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices. (xa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,758.6m	Allied-Lyons (xa)	370	..	16.2	4.4	10.9
2,939.6m	Bass (xa)	695	..	28.6	4.1	12.5
80.4m	Belhaven	43	..	1.3	3.0	15.5
132.4m	Boddington	144	-1	5.1	3.5	15.7
29.5m	Bucklaye	184	..	4.4	2.4	56.8
82.9m	Bulmer (H P)	130	..	8.2	6.1	11.4
20.6m	Burtonwood Brew	147	..	4.0	2.7	22.7
33.5m	Clark (Matthew)	276	..	13.7	3.5	12.5
121.7m	Devenish (JA)	325	+5	4.1	1.3	28.6
249.8m	Greenall Whitley	321	+21	8.2	3.7	12.8
203.5m	Greene King	455	-5	23	1.9	24.9
2,574.4m	Guinness (xa)	1,190	+20	22.6	1.9	11.2
27.2m	Hardys & Hansons	390	+5	20.5	4.3	12.7
122.4m	Highland Dist	99	+1	3.4	3.4	15.5
47.1m	Invergordon Dist	235	+1	7.5	3.7	13.3
133.3m	Irish Dist	213	+1	4.4	..	..
101.7m	Marston Thompson	117	..	3.6	3.1	14.8
49.8m	Morland	465	..	10.8	2.2	18.5
873.2m	SA Breweries	833	-5	..	..	..
1,005.8m	Scot & Newc (xa)	291	+19	11.5	4.0	15.9
242.2m	Vaux Grp	514	+4	19.5	3.8	15.7
1,263.5m	Whitbread 'A' (xa)	354	+3	12.6	4.1	12.8
51.4m	Do 'B'	319	..	12.6	4.1	13.1
111.8m	Wolverhead Inv	272	..	11.6	3.7	20.3
247.8m	Workington & D	383	-1	8.0	2.1	16.3
10.4m	Young 'A'	380	..	12.3	3.4	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
89.0m	Abbey	230	+12	..	..	..
235.2m	Amec	365	+5	18.6	4.6	13.7
725.7m	Anglo Sec	440	+14	27	6.6	25.3
55.1m	Anglo Ut	46	..	1.4	3.1	63.3
5,400.0m	Arlcliffe	108	-2	4.3	4.0	6.4
161.1m	Atlaweda	236	-14	9.8	3.5	16.8
1,205.7m	BPB Ind (xa)	396	+10	9.6	3.2	12.8
58.0m	Baggeridge Brick	230	+10	4.5	2.0	22.3
4,180.0m	Baker (Sam) Consir	89	+5	1.9	2.4	18.6
358.4m	Barratt Devs	287	+2	12.2	6.1	13.2
56.1m	Bellway	222	..	11.9	5.0	10.7
32.2m	Bellwinch	108	-26	2.6	2.4	9.5
131.0m	Berkeley Gp	313	+18	3.6	1.2	18.2
14.2m	Batt Bros	95	-3	4.8	5.1	21.9
43.2m	Blockleys	360	..	7.4	2.1	20.1
58.0m	Blue Circle (xa)	355	..	16.5	4.6	11.3
33.5m	Bredon PLC	275	..	8.2	3.0	..
22.5m	Br Dredging	131	+2	6.9	5.3	23.9
11.5m	Bryant & Jackson	143	..	..	..	98.7
286.3m	Bryant	143	+2	4.4	3.1	16.9
22.2m	Burnett & Hallam	14	..	..	..	1.5
333.6m	CRH	118	-1	..	..	..
6,008.0m	Calsbrewd Robey	115	+2	1.2	4.5	14.4
175.2m	Caradon	369	+5	15	10.3m	7.9
101.0m	Church Charles	117	+5	1.4	1.2	12.8
23.8m	Condor Grp	290	+13	6.2	2.1	30.7
7,549.0m	Copson PLC	133	-2	2.4	1.8	71.0
505.4m	Costain	203	+16	12.2	6.0	7.5
95.0m	Countryside	264	+15	2.6	1.0	12.9
161.5m	Crest Nicholson	215	..	7.8	3.6	10.8
10.0m	Crosby James	92	..	2.4	2.6	..
44.1m	Douglas (RM)	231	+5	4.3m	1.9	15.5
40.6m	Ecc	105	+4	3.4	3.2	21.8
23.9m	Federated Hsg	266	+19	6.9	2.6	9.7
19.7m	Finlan Gp	77	..	3.2	5.1	11.5
42.9m	Galliford	84	-1	3.7	4.4	11.4
4,002.0m	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	230	..	3.4b	1.5	40.8
48.0m	Gleeson (M J)	480	-5	9.1	1.9	11.5
28.7m	Harrison Ind	225	+3	8.2	3.6	13.9
83.2m	Henderson	389	+8	11.5	2.9	10.2
133.7m	Hewden-Stuart	133	-1	2.7	2.0	20.1
153.0m	Heywood Williams	310	+19	13.9	4.2	10.8
117.2m	Higgs & Hill	349	+13	10.6	3.0	16.7
14.3m	Hillard Hdgs	57	..	1.8	3.1	17.4
371.2m	Ibstock Johnsen	189	+1	8.9	4.2	19.5
9,955.0m	Jarvis (J) & Sons	122	..	2.4	2.0	..
135.8m	Laing (J)	397	+2	8.2	2.7	10.4
1,230.8m	Do 'A'	397	+2	8.2	2.7	10.4
65.4m	Lawrence (Walter)	142	-5	5.8	4.1	12.8
32.4m	Lilley (FJC)	46½	..	..	..	5.2
144.4m	Lovell (Y J)	255	+15	8.9	3.7	12.5
440.7m	Magnet (xa)	241	-5	8.8	3.6	18.4
54.7m	Marchwiel	268	..	14.3	5.3	18.6
441.1m	Marley	160	..	5.0	3.8	18.8
105.4m	Marshalls (Halifax)	255	+4	6.8	3.5	17.4
34.0m	Maunders (J)	98	+1	2.6	2.6	18.0
153.0m	McAlpine (Alfred)	434	+17	21.5	5.0	8.7
240.3m	McCarthy & S	478	+1	5.6	1.2	14.4
376.8m	Meyer Int	388	+11	9.9	2.5	12.7
4,560.0m	Miller (Stanley)	76	..	1.7	2.2	53.1
353.5m	Mowlem (John)	115	+2	12.3	10.7	7.5
125.8m	Newarthill	213½	..	17.1	1.3	28.0
115.2m	Newman Tonks	182	+2	10.6	5.8	13.5
106.8m	Pensarmon	170	+18	3.1	1.8	13.1
14.4m	Phoenix Timber	104	+3	3.4	3.3	12.4
7,844.0m	Ropshire	76	..	2.1p	2.8	11.1
860.7m	RMC Gp (xa)	451	-14	13.4	3.0	14.8
125.7m	Raine Ind	98	+2	1.9	1.9	20.2
1,130.0m	Redland (xa)	421	-24	18.7	4.4	11.9
70.4m	Redwood	162	+1	4.9	3.0	12.2
358.9m	Rugby Group	251	-9	10.5	4.2	16.5
107.8m	Sandell Perkins	245	+3	6.3	2.6	18.0
40.8m	Sharpe & Fisher	265	+2	4.5	2.2	20.3
12.6m	Shires (J)	125	..	2.2	2.0	18.1
414.9m	Sheetley	333	+1	11.3	3.4	15.7
1,725.4m	Tarmac (xa)	243	-12	8.7	3.6	15.3
646.5m	Taylor Woodrow	430	+10	12.4	2.9	18.7
68.4m	Tilbury Group	332	+2	8.9	2.7	13.9
121.5m	Travis & Arnold	345	+4	7.4	2.1	17.1
10.2m	Trent	149	+3	1.6	1.1	21.8
19.2m	Turriff	200	+2	6.1	3.1	24.8
49.1m	Viceroplant	63	..	17.1	2.7	20.1
33.9m	Ward Group	155	+2	3.4	2.2	17.5
87.2m	Ward Hdgs	206	+4	3.3	2.0	18.6
8,476.8m	Warrington	110	..	..	..	12.6
30.1m	Watts Blake	272	..	7.9	2.9	12.2
94.0m	Westbury	286	+7	6.8	2.5	14.5
28.5m	Wiggins	184	..	7.1	3.9	14.5
129.3m	Wilson Bowden	194	+6	4.7	2.4	..
313.2m	Wilson (Connolly)	255	+11	8.8	3.5	18.5
727.7m	Wimpey G (xa)	256	..	7.9	3.1	14.8
15.1m	YRM	128	..	3.3	2.6	13.4

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175.2m	Auto Sec	250	+1	2.7	1.1	16.5
3,065.0m	Beacon Gp	43	-1	..	..	..
6,476.0m	Bergers & Paints	467	+3	11.0	2.7	18.9
776.5m	BICC (xa)	336	..	18.8	5.0	17.7
150.8m	BSR	93	+3	4.1	4.5	9.5
35.5m	Blick	176	+14	5.8	3.3	12.8
81.2m	Borland	104	-5	..	..	..
286.6m	Bowthorpe	183	..	4.4b	2.4	18.9
221.0m	Britannia Security	250	+13	2.7	1.2	18.0
15,050.0m	Br Telecom (xa)	250	..	12.1	4.8	11.9
82.0m	Brown Boveri Kent	108	-1	5.1	4.7	11.1
4,980.0m	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18	-1	0.1	0.6	30.5
80.2m	CAP Group	280	-2	2.6	1.3	19.2
41.0m	CASE	62	..	0.1	0.2	5.2
3,500.0m	Cable Wireless (xa)	344	-21	8.0	2.3	17.2
85.2m	Cambridge Elec	222	+15	11.6	5.2	11.2
41.0m	Cambridge Instr	42	..	1.0	2.4	4.6
1,235.0m	Chloride	53½	-½	2.7	5.1	14.5
166.2m	Grey Elect	233	-2	3.7	1.6	14.1
49.8m	Crystalate	162	-1	8.0	4.9	7.8
4,491.0m	DDT Group	98	-½	1.6	2.4	12.7
152.5m	Data Elec	91	-4	5.1	5.6	18.8
1,986.0m	Dewhurst	55	+1	1.9	3.5	11.3
1,860.0m	Do 'A'	50	..	1.9	3.8	11.3
66.3m	Domino	333	+15	3.8	1.1	16.6
54.5m	Dowding & Mills	82	-1	2.4	3.0	15.2
265.4m	Dowty	151	+14	7.5	5.0	11.2
413.8m	Electrocomponents	209	-5	5.3	2.5	13.9
9,911.0m	Elec Data Process	105	..	2.5	2.5	9.9
2,012.0m	Electronic Mach	62	..	1.2	1.5	..
592.0m	Electronic Rentals	93	..	4.4	4.4	20.7
108.8m	Emess	226	-1	11.0p	2.5	16.3
119.8m	Eurotherm	344	+28	8.2	2.3	19.1
634.3m	FKI Babcock	158	-1	2.2	1.5	18.9
208.0m	Farnell Elect	166	..	4.1	2.5	15.0
618.2m	Ferranti (xa)	257	+15	13.7	5.4	9.9
23.0m	Forward Tech	89	+3	1.6	1.5	12.8
4,175.6m	GEC (xa)	155	-2	7.7	4.9	10.0
	Harland Simon	211	+2	2.6	1.2	..
4,814.0m	Highland Elect	55	-4	3.4	6.2	9.2
94.1m	Hislopes Gp	257	-4	2.9	1.1	23.0
16.5m	ITL Gp	58	+5	2.7	4.7	..
34.1m	Jones Stroud	185	-10	7.2	3.9	12.1
20.8m	Kode	370	+17	21.2	5.7	12.1
19.0m	Leo Refrigeration	315	+18	17.1	5.4	10.0
128.1m	Logica	291	+8	2.8	1.0	18.3
80.6m	Micro 4	298	+6	4.5	1.5	22.2
57.2m	Misys	82	+11	1.6	2.0	22.0
54.7m	MBS	82	..	0.7	0.9	75.2
93.6m	Microfilm Repro	426	+35	4.3	1.0	42.3
16.2m	Micro Focus	133	..	..	..	..
162.7m	Microgen	277	-5	7.5	2.7	18.7
123.1m	Misys	198	-22	..	..	..
	Molins	203½	+½	..	..	..
9,150.0m	Multitone Elect	311	+1	21p	3.4	45.9
84.1m	Normtip Elect	53	..	2.3	2.9	11.1
5,833.0m	Nexus (Louis)	298	-1	13.6	6.6	14.3
236.8m	NEI	197	+2	7.2b	5.7	22.2
17.1m	NMW Comp	84	-3	4.3	5.1	12.2
5,804.0m	Oceonics	22	+1	..	..	4.5
113.2m	Oxford Instruments	235	+10	3.4	1.4	8.6
30.5m	P-E International	190	+3	4.4	2.3	18.2
84.2m	Peak	260	..	..	..	..
66.2m	Philcom	114	+4	1.1	1.8	27.8
10.6m	Philips Fin 5½%	52½	..	5.75	7.1	..
2,217.8m	Philips Lamps N/V	228½	+½	..	..	98.7
5,534.0m	Pilco	255	..	8.9	3.5	10.2
3,175.0m	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	182	+½	6.9	3.8	10.9
1,207.4m	Plessey (xa)	163	-8	4.8	2.9	10.2
37.4m	Pressac	158	-7	2.1	1.3	15.6
19.1m	Quest Automation	39	+3	1.4	3.4	7.1
1,100.5m	Racal Elect (xa)	233	+12	4.9	2.2	18.9
5,891.0m	Redac	263	-2	1.5	1.2	13.9
37.0m	Scantronic	135	+4	1.4	1.1	27.1
59.1m	Scholes (EH)	460	..	20.5	4.5	15.1
95.1m	Sound Diffusion	296	+2	6.8	2.3	8.8
1,365.7m	STC (xa)	247	-2	12.9	14.4	..
71.3m	System Designers	92	..	0.8	1.3	21.9
2,338.4m	TDK	216½	..	..	..	..
132.6m	Telephone Rentals	216	-3	11.0	5.1	17.5
5,837.0m	Thorn EMI	257	..	..	..	12.5
47.9m	Therm Scientific	147	-1	4.7	3.2	10.2
1,851.5m	THORN EMI (xa)	607	+10	26.7	4.4	14.3
64.9m	Tunstall	408	-2	4.5	1.1	19.1
247.2m	USI	357	+1	8.4	2.4	18.8
66.0m	Unitech	208	-4	11.2	5.4	11.3
118.3m	Uni Scientific	213	+1	8.6	4.2	16.3
185.4m	VG Instruments	280	..	5.5	1.4	15.9
55.6m	Video	257	-8	14.7	5.7	13.0
16.5m	Western Selection	115	..	4.7	4.1	11.5
64.8m	Wholesale Fitting	463	..	14.4	3.1	18.3

FINANCE, LAND

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
51.3m	Abingworth	252	..	1.7	0.7	..
40.7m	Allied Home	288	-3	4.6	5.8	6.4
70.5m	Allnatt	257	+15	13.7	5.3	8.9
27.9m	Authority Inv	316	+6	3.4	1.1	20.4
	Berkeley Govett	175	+12	..	..	..
1,506.5m	Br Commonwlth (xa)	293	-27	9.7	3.3	28.6
50.7m	CIN	220	..	20.9	9.5	10.6
23.1m	Candover	330	..	11.0	3.4	30.6
6,871.0m	Centreway	182	+12	..	..	55.8
186.3m	Christie Int	555	-35	12.3	2.2	23.4
19.1m	Hanway-Thompson	48	..	2.6	5.4	10.9
15.9m	Ind Fin Inv	80	+2	4.1	5.1	12.9
31.2m	Ivory & Sime	126	+36	7.9	6.3	14.3
52.8m	LIT	28	+2	2.1	7.2	7.8
53.3m	Majedie	203	+5	8.9	4.4	31.2
99.6m	Nat Home Loans	262	..	11.3	4.3	10.4
53.2m	Do Bq%	214½	+½	825	5.5	..
21.7m	Newmarket	51	+2	..	..	..
14.5m	Perrett Plc	250	+15	1.0	0.4	29.3
5,538.0m	Provincial Plc	148	..	..	..	..
167.7m	Singer & Fried	75	-2	1.4	1.9	..
156.0m	Templeton Glnhl	130	-3	4.3	3.3	9.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
6,182.5m	American Express	£14¾	-⅜	..	..	..
15.3m	Argyle	72	..	4.1	5.7	19.9
234.3m	Britannia Arrow	104	..	7.5	7.2	9.1
157.1m	Daily Mail	£31½	..	95.9	3.0	14.4
142.1m	Do 'A'	£28½	..	95.9	3.4	13.0
131.4m	Eagle Trust	198	+2%	0.1	0.5	..
307.2m	Edinburgh	265	-1	6.1	2.3	41.2
16.0m	Exploration	155	..	3.4	2.2	16.8
48.3m	Framlington	157	+13	3.6	2.4	11.8
31.1m	Frost Gp	229	-1	7.9	3.5	21.3
77.7m	GT Management	210	..	8.3	3.9	25.2
85.0m	Goode Durrant	133	+11	3.8	2.9	11.4
135.4m	Henderson Admin	655	-35	35.8	5.4	8.1
92.7m	ICH	182	+2	12.3	6.8	7.3
348.1m	MAI	111	+7	5.5	5.0	..
282.5m	MAM	213	..	9.1	4.3	12.1
288.5m	M & G	378	+6	9.5	2.5	18.2
83.8m	Smith New Court	180	-7	11.6	6.4	8.9
64.5m	Tyndall Hldgs	116	-9	6.5	5.6	10.8

FOODS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,345.9m	AB Food (xa)	391	+10	10.4	3.5	10.2
2,044.0m	ASDA Group (xa)	177	+1½	5.1	2.9	15.5
6,674.0m	Agana Durbs	46	-1	..	..	92.0
30.8m	Appleyard Hlgs	175	-2	4.1	2.3	31.6
1,857.0m	Argyll (xa)	206	-1	6.6	3.2	18.1
28.8m	Assoc Fisheries	170	+2	6.9	4.1	16.9
13.4m	Bell (Henry G)	93	..	2.7	2.9	9.1
122.5m	Barker & Dobson	143	-6	4.8	3.4	19.9
38.0m	Barr (AG)	603	+5	17.8	3.0	10.5
28.4m	Bassett Foods	208	+3	10.1	4.9	13.5
112.5m	Bellaye	95	..	6.8	7.2	9.8
220.5m	Berisford	175	-5	6.9	3.9	14.9
568.7m	Berisford (Silw)	397	-9	19.2	4.8	12.4
509.4m	Booker	392	-14	18.7	5.0	15.9
24.5m	Bonthrock	47	-1	3.4	7.2	..
14.1m	Boots Foss	88	+2	2.5	1.3	19.6
1,541.3m	Cadbury-Schwp (xa)	259	-4	11.0	4.2	13.8
16.2m	Cairns Milling	240	..	8.9	4.1	8.5
13.6m	Cliffords Dairies	498	..	11.4	2.3	21.7
27.4m	Do 'A'	414	..	11.4	2.8	10.1
10.0m	Cullens	76	..	..	..	..
642.8m	Dalgety (xa)	291	-12	19.2	6.6	11.7
6,576.0m	Daniels S	88	-2	4.5	5.1	19.4
1,945.0m	Sears (xa)	130	-1	6.0	4.6	14.8
481.2m	Smith (Wm) 'A' (xa)	292	+9	13.1	4.5	14.4
82.1m	Do 'B'	59	+1½	2.5	4.2	11.4
68.5m	Sock Shop	277	+14	1.1	0.4	49.8
70.3m	Stanley (AG)	191	-3	4.7	2.5	28.2
53.3m	Stead & Simpson 'A'	95	-3	5.8	5.9	15.3
957.4m	Storehouse (xa)	237	+9	12.1	5.1	11.7
15.7m	Stormguard	11½	..	..	..	17.2
1,575.0m	Sumrie Clothes	67	..	..	..	..
27.9m	T & S Stores	155	+3	2.5	1.6	22.0
64.3m	Tibbet & Britten	245	..	5.2	2.1	25.1
50.0m	Tie Rack	146	-3	1.5	1.0	..
83.6m	Tims Produce	163	+1	5.9	3.6	12.7
21.8m	Underwoods	117	-1	3.4	2.9	18.7
68.6m	Vinet	171	..	3.7	2.2	13.2
380.3m	Ward White	321	-6	12.1	3.8	13.7
81.1m	Wickes	270	-5	2.1	0.8	15.1
21.9m	Wilding Office	197	..	4.5	2.3	17.3
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A guide to career choice

Sweeping the gallery can be one spin-off of an art history degree

Far from being a Mickey Mouse qualification, a degree in art history can lead to the most surprising jobs, which need, however, a great deal of drive to attain, says **Beryl Dixon**



The art of pushing an image, not a broom

Degrees in the history of art and design are not lightweight in the eyes of employers. This was the theme of a conference organized by the Association of Art Historians, which drew a mixed audience of careers advisers and art teachers eager to hear the facts on prospects for aspiring art historians.

They were rewarded by a fascinating day: speakers had been well chosen for their ability to inform and entertain – to keep most of the audience there until well after 5 pm on a Friday is no mean feat.

The conference was, in fact, oversubscribed. The reason for this was clear when it emerged in the introduction that there had been a 67.5 per cent increase in the numbers taking A-level art history in the past five years.

So, where do those who choose to pursue the subject at degree level eventually go? In five main directions, according to the opening speaker, a careers adviser. Some proceed to post-graduate courses, not always in related areas; some on to vocational courses, in for example, periodical journalism, arts administration, teacher training and secretarial work.

Some independent spirits work as freelances; some find work directly related to their subject; others use the qualification as "a degree", like the majority of arts students. Surveys available for consultation, prepared by the universities of East Anglia and Sussex, showed graduates in the former category working in exhibition organizing, galleries, art dealers, restoration, design, communications, museums, publishing, and interior decoration.

But for anyone labouring under the misapprehension that art history is a "Mickey Mouse" subject – charmingly put by Dr Marcia Pointon, chairman of the Association of Art Historians and Reader in Art History at Sussex – a glance through the list of non-related career areas was salutary.

Areas are as diverse as surveying, police work, accountancy, public relations, market research, fund management, librarianship and buying. Many of the day's speakers emphasized the demanding nature of the discipline – giving them training in research methods, and developing skills in accuracy and observation.

The main thrust of the day was to concentrate on careers in the arts. Specialist speakers gave short presentations on their respective careers; as administrator and architectural historian with English Heritage, curator at the Victoria and Albert Museum, visual arts officer for the Yorkshire region, conservation officer for arts and crafts in Tyne and Wear, part-time teacher and writer, paintings conservator at the National Gallery, PA to a silverware designer, and picture researcher in art publishing.

All the presentations were excellent. It would be unjust to single out one as being of special interest. There was the museum curator who "purrs with pleasure" at the end of every day, and whose duties range from buying at auctions to writing catalogues and to "housekeeping" – sweeping the galleries before private viewings; the art dealer who has moved from a museum and ruined his chances of ever going back. "'Never be seen in public with a dealer,' they told me when I worked in a museum."

There was also the picture restorer (with a background of art history and fine art) who expects to stay at the National Gallery forever, "restoring paintings, square inch by square inch,"; the architectural historian protecting Fleet Street buildings from the American banks; the picture researcher who has had to learn additional skills of haggling over reproduction fees and arguing with editors who have their own preferences; as well as the arts officer who has learned to cope with accounts and budgets, and is currently learning Gujarati, while engaged in promoting Asian art.

The speakers were entertaining – and fulfilled. Yet I found myself scribbling the same comments as I listened to each one, filling my notebook with words like "enterprising", "self-starter" and "determined." None of them, it transpired, had sailed straight into an interesting job. Several had started at the very bottom, like the curator who underwent "trial by fire," writing labels in the slide library.

Many had found their first real job on a temporary contract, covering for maternity leave for example. The designer's PA had started work as a sales assistant in one of his shops: some had spent a period on the dole or in holding down several jobs with unsocial hours (postman, chef, waiter), giving themselves time to work as museum volunteers or to attend precious job interviews.

Several admitted to having been on the verge of giving up and settling for an ordinary job when the right one miraculously came up.

Jobs related to art history degrees are not, it appears, found by the shy and retiring or by the faint-hearted. Indeed, as pointed out in the opening remarks, many art and design history students do expect a period of consolidation/unemployment after they complete their courses.

Others unfortunately do not. One careers adviser in the audience pointed out that a lot of students now have greater expectations when they come to graduate and see their contemporaries in other disciplines heading for well-paid employment. Moreover, many of them graduate in debt and are less prepared to spend a period getting established. Such students will simply have to settle for something else, and will in the long term probably be happier for it.

What advice could the speakers give to students against ending up in this category? There was plenty: most of it eminently practical: "develop your investigative skills," and "learn a language."

At least two of the panel had had an advantage at job interviews through their ability to read reference material in its original language: "Learn to become pushy," was one piece of advice. Another useful tip was that students should begin early in their courses to gain as much relevant experience as possible; "work as a museum volunteer in your first year not your third," and acquire a secondary skill whether in accounts, typing or word processing.

It was clear that students at establishments where such advice and encouragement are readily available stand a better chance of employment. Anyone even thinking of studying for a degree in either the history of art or of design should, at the very least, inquire about the destinations of previous students.

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Applications (10 copies) marked 'confidential' with names of two referees to the Secretary General of the Facilities (from whom further information is available), General Board Office, The Old Schools, Cambridge, CB2 1TT.
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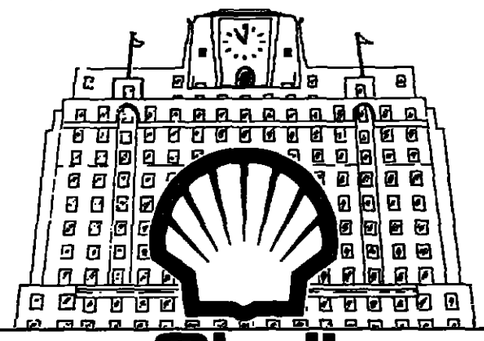
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Law Report March 14 1988

Secret tapes not protected under race discrimination statute

Aziz v Trinity Street Taxis Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment February 26]

A taxi operator who was expelled from membership of an association of taxi operators because he had made secret tape recordings of conversations with other members failed in a claim of discrimination based on section 2(1)(c) of the Race Relations Act 1976, since he could not show that the association had been influenced in expelling him by the fact that he had made the recordings believing that they might assist him in a race discrimination claim.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the complainant, Abdul Aziz, from the dismissal by the Employment Appeal Tribunal on May 20, 1986, of his appeal from the decision of an industrial tribunal on February 13, 1985, that the respondents, Trinity Street Taxis Ltd ("TST"), Coventry, and five members of TST, had not unlawfully discriminated against him, contrary to section 11(3)(*b*) of the 1976 Act, by depriving him of membership of TST.

Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Philip Engelman for the complainant; Mr Thomas Morison, QC and Mr Charles Falconer for the respondents.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the complainant was a taxi operator of Asian origin. TST was an association of taxi operators, which was in many respects a team effort where it was necessary to have a relationship of trust.

In 1983 the complainant was concerned at what he considered the arbitrary imposition of a fee of £1,000 to enable a third taxi of his to be admitted to the TST radio system. The possibility of discrimination began to form in his mind and he made tape recordings of conversations with members apparently sympathetic to his view, without telling them.

One of the members was annoyed when he heard of the existence of the tape recordings, and his initiative ultimately led to the expulsion of the complainant from TST.

The complainant founded his case on section 2(1) of the 1976 Act under which a person discriminated against another "... in any circumstances relevant for the purposes of any provision of this Act if he treats the person victimized less favourably than in those circumstances he treats or would treat other persons, and does so by reason that the person victimized has ... (*c*) otherwise done anything under or by reference to this Act in relation to the discriminator or any other person".

The industrial tribunal found that at the time he made the recordings (i) the complainant considered that he was being unfairly treated by TST; (ii) the possibility was beginning to form in his mind that that might amount to a form of racial discrimination and that correspondingly some form of legal redress might be available to him; and (iii) he considered it possible that the secretly taken tape recordings might assist him if and when he chose to pursue that redress.

That was enough to entitle the tribunal as a matter of law to find that the complainant, in making the tapes, had done an act "by reference to" the Act in relation to TST.

An act could properly be said to be done by reference to the Act if it was done by reference to the race relations legislation in the broad sense, even though the doer did not focus his mind specifically on any provision of the Act.

The clear purpose of section 2(1) was to ensure that victims of discrimination should not be deterred from doing the acts set out in (*a*) to (*d*) by the fear of future victimization; those acts might fairly be described as "protected acts".

However, to show discrimination by victimization the complainant still had to satisfy the court that, in expelling him from membership, TST (1) had treated him less favourably than in the relevant circumstances it would treat others and (2) had done so by reason that the complainant had "... done anything ... by reference to this Act in relation to the discrimination".

It was common ground that the opening words of section 2(1) necessitated a comparison of some kind. The key lay in correctly identifying the relevant circumstances.

The wording of section 2 plainly contemplated that the relevant circumstances would already subsist at the time when the treatment complained of occurred. Thus, in the present case, while the complainant's former membership of TST clearly was a relevant circumstance, the expulsion itself, being itself the treatment complained of, clearly was not.

Nor was the fact that the complainant had done a protected act. The test applied in *Kirby v Manpower Services Commission* ([1980] ICR 420) for the purpose of effecting the requisite comparison was not correct.

The treatment applied by the alleged discriminator to the complainant had to be compared with the treatment which he would apply to persons who had not done the relevant protected act.

Applying that test, it was clear that TST had treated the complainant less favourably. However, the complainant still had to surmount the hurdle of causation presented by the second limb of section 2(1).

The decision to expel him had been taken because a majority of TST's members considered the making of the secret recordings an underhand action and a breach of trust. It seemed clear that that decision would have been the same even though the complainant's purpose in making the recordings had had nothing to do with the race relations legislation.

In the court's judgment, in such cases, if the necessary causal link was to be established, it had to be shown that the very fact that the protected act was done by the complainant "under or by reference to" the race relations legislation influenced the alleged discriminator in his unfavourable treatment of the complainant.

In the present case the complainant had failed to prove the necessary element of causation and that alone disposed of his claim.

Solicitors: Tyndallwoods, Birmingham; D. H. Walton & Co, Melbourne.

Liability for dancing accident not established

Spry v Plowright

Before Mr Justice Boreham

[Judgment March 10]

A dancer who whirled his partner was not liable in negligence for injury caused in an accident where they were both of similar age, agility and competence in dancing.

Mr Justice Boreham so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing an action in negligence brought by the plaintiff, Mrs Edith Alice Spry, against the defendant, Mr Jack Plowright, for injuries she sustained as a result of an accident on a dance floor at a hotel in Majorca.

Mr Frank Moat for the plaintiff; Mr Guy Hungerford for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE BOREHAM said that the plaintiff was now 72 years old and was a dancing teacher and was employed annually with Saga Holidays which organized holidays to Majorca.

The defendant was now aged 70 years and when the accident occurred in May 1981 was on holiday with his wife.

The evidence of the plaintiff and defendant as to what exactly had happened was irreconcilable but from the evidence of two witnesses his Lordship found that credence could be given to that part of the defendant's evidence to the effect that he had fallen as a result of his foot failing to go forward.

His Lordship had to decide whether, in those circumstances, the defendant was liable to the plaintiff.

To be liable, the plaintiff had to show that the defendant had failed to exercise reasonable care for the safety of the plaintiff in all the circumstances, or to put it another way – did the defendant dance in such a way that a reasonable person would have said he was putting his partner at risk?

Each case depended on its own circumstances. The age and agility of the plaintiff had to be considered. The case of a twenty year old whirling his seventy year old grandmother was very different from the present case where the age and agility of two people concerned was similar.

On the evidence, the plaintiff had failed to prove a lack of care.

Solicitors: Doveton & Fogaty, Christchurch; Brian Lewis & Co.

Access review by judge

Nottinghamshire County Council v K and Another

Where a judge in wardship proceedings thought it appropriate to order that access arrangements should be reviewed after a certain period, it was desirable that the order should require the review to be conducted by a judge rather than by the district registrar.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Waite) so stated on March 4, allowing an appeal by a local authority in wardship proceedings from Mr Justice Wood.

RUGBY UNION: SURREY CONFUSE THEMSELVES AS THE MIDLANDERS SECURE A PLACE IN COUNTY FINAL

Lancashire just get away with the loot

Michael Stevenson

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Lancashire, with virtually all their senior players to call upon, should have brushed Gloucestershire aside in their Toshiba County Championship semi-final at Vale of Lune.

Trailing 11-0 well into the second half, Gloucestershire found new energy and resource, and fought back to within a single score of victory but Lancashire pulled themselves together to win a place in the final with a victory by two tries and a penalty to a goal.

A rather disappointing match was symbolized by the sneak thief who broke into the dressing-rooms and got away with a considerable haul. Dooley, the England lock, who went off with a back injury five minutes from time, was one of his victims, losing money and his wedding ring. His back injury was not thought to be too serious.

After Ainscough's early penalty misses, Lancashire led when the lively O'Brien robbed Teague in a maul and after slick left-to-right passing Hanavan jinked over for a fine try.

Ainscough's third penalty attempt succeeded and, after an arid passage of play after the interval, Lancashire's second try seemed decisive. They took a tight head, Higgin came into the line and fed the speedy Hanavan, who scored again after a spirited kick and Keystone Kops chase.

Gloucestershire's renaissance was still to come. Orwin started it with a fierce burst, ended by Fell's brave tackle, but the maul was won by Teague and Allen scored wide out for Howard to convert confidently.

SCORERS: Lancashire: Tries: Hanavan (2). Penalty: Ainscough. Gloucestershire: Try: Allen. Conversion: Howard.
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Referee: J Trigg (London).

Warwickshire backs hold key

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

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It was not quite like old times at Coundon Road yesterday. They would have packed Coventry's ground to the gills in the fifties and sixties to watch Warwickshire's forwards grind their way to county championships; now the crowds are thinner and the county's backs are as willing as anyone to show their mettle.

Warwickshire reached the final of the Toshiba championship — where they will meet Lancashire at Twickenham on April 9 — with victory by four goals, a try and a penalty goal to two goals, a try and a dropped goal. They thus denied Surrey their first final since 1971 and, for all the domination of their lineout, one could scarcely say Surrey deserved it.

The confusion among their backs was almost total which was desperately sad for their forwards two of whom, Brooks and Barnett, were playing their second game in 24 hours. By half-time, when they trailed 15-10, Warwickshire had only won four lineouts but Surrey had by then enjoyed the use of a strong wind blowing straight down the pitch; Warwickshire's forwards stepped up their efforts in the second half and the lineout — where, curiously, I can scarcely remember a penalty being awarded — was much more equal.

Moreover the home backs found the advantage line much easier to cross than did Surrey's, who crabbed, mishandled and confused themselves utterly rather than give their back row a target to hit. Indeed, the try scored by Brady in his first championship match was one any of his backs would have been proud to claim.

Warwickshire also found themselves in happy accord with the demands imposed by Fred Howard, the referee. Surrey received only two penalties in each half, two in the first six minutes both of which Graves missed, the other two over an hour later. There was some danger, too, of Warwickshire becoming repetitive in their methods: their first two tries both came in the right-hand corner when Leake had been flung into touch. Lineouts turned into scrums and the Warwickshire forwards inched their way over to create tries for Travers and Hickey.

Surrey came back into the game when Cook (who later left the field with a bruised hip) dug out a dropped goal and Brady sprinted in. The centre also made a telling run before Woodhouse sent Brooks on a diagonal run to the posts to give Surrey something to show for their use of the wind.

Within seven minutes of the interval, Warwickshire had restored their lead. They introduced Steve Hall well from full back and Buttimore, a dangerous runner in broken play by any standards, darted in for a try after the ball had gone down in the Surrey midfield. Surrey were by no means done: Woodhouse was involved three times before he scrambled over the line for the try which tied matters at 19-19.

Then, however, the home backs came into their own. They took Warwickshire to Surrey's 22 and the forwards did the rest, Wilkes taking Bowman's tap-down and Hickey crossing for his second try. Any doubts were resolved when Hall hit the line at speed, Buttimore took it on and Warr, the promising student centre, scored. It will be Warwickshire's 13th final, which they last won two years ago.

SCORERS: Warwickshire: Tries: Hickey (2), Travers, Buttimore, Warr. Conversions: S Thomas (4). Penalty: S Thomas. Surrey: Tries: Brady, Brooks. Woodhouse. Conversions: Graves (2). Dropped goal: Cook.
WARWICKSHIRE (Coventry unless stated): Steve Hall (Barkers Butts); C Leake, M Warr (Barkers Butts), T Buttimore (Leicester), Stuart Hall; M Lakey, S Thomas (capt); L Johnson, A Farrington, S Wilkes, P Thomas, A Gulliver, P Bowman (Rugby), K Hickey (Moseley), R Travers.
SURREY (Rosslyn Park unless stated: J Graves; S Hunter (Harlequins), J Ager, S Cook (Harlequins) (rep, S Smith, Richmond), E Davies (Harlequins); M Jennyn, A Woodhouse (Harlequins, capt); J Reid, D Barnett, M Reany, R Montgomery, N Edwards (Harlequins), P Ackford (Harlequins), P Brady (Harlequins), A Brooks.
Referee: F Howard (Liverpool).



Flying Scotsman: Glen steams away from the clutches of Skuse (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Webb breaks the exiles

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

London Scottish..... 6
Bristol..... 24

One penalty goal was enough to give Jonathan Webb and England an advantage over Gavin Hastings and Scotland at Murrayfield nine days ago. The full backs met again at Richmond Athletic Ground on Saturday, when Webb scored 20 points in Bristol's win by three goals and two penalty goals to two penalties and kicked all his goals save one.

Bristol went nine points up in as many minutes; but their capacity for running rings around themselves and conceding too many penalties meant that, by half-time, they had only a 12-6 advantage. Webb, apart from kicking the goals, had taken a quick throw-in and made the break which eventually allowed Hogg to put Carr into acres of space on the right.

Bristol tightened their discipline in the second half and took advantage of an over-hasty Scottish drop-out which was charged down. From the scrum Collings and Harding fed Webb and the full back shimmied past Hastings for his first try.

In the final minutes the game became much looser than most coaches would wish. A chapter of accidents, in which Knibbs featured strongly, led to Crane tossing a long pass out to Webb, who stretched his way through two would-be tackles to score. He had, he said, enjoyed himself.

Moseley, Bristol's cup opponents, scarcely said the same when, three miles down the road at Sunbury, they lost 34-19 to London Irish. The direct running of the Irish earned them six tries — two to Mullucci — against a lacklustre Moseley, half of whose likely cup side was missing and who face three games in the next five days.

Of the other cup semi-finalists, Wasps had their hands full at Sale but most of Harlequins' first-team players, with the day off, were at Richmond watching the club's second team while keeping a wary eye on Bristol on the adjoining pitch.

SCORERS: London Scottish: Penalties: Russell, Hastings. Bristol: Tries: Webb (2), Carr. Conversions: Webb (3). Penalties: Webb (2).
LONDON SCOTTISH: G Hastings; S Seabrook, D Caskie, A McEwan, T Paterson, Brown; C Russell, S Glen; N Weir, I Kirk, P Burnell, S Urquhart. A Rhodes, D Tosh, D Jelinek, C Richardson.
BRISTOL: J Webb; J Carr, R Knibbs, D Thomas, K Morgan; S Hogg, R Harding; J Doubleday, K Bogira, D Hickey, G Crane, N Pomphrey, M Skuse, D Eves, P Collings.
Referee: T Ashworth (Yorkshire).

RACING

Nicholls confident Playschool can crown fine season

By John Dorman

Paul Nicholls has only one ride at this week's National Hunt Festival, but it is the most important ride of his racing life.

When he leaves the Cheltenham weighing room shortly after 3pm on Thursday, the hopes and good wishes of thousands will be with him and his Cheltenham Gold Cup mount, Playschool.

Victory would crown an outstanding season for horse, jockey and trainer David Barons. The combination have already won the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, the Coral Welsh National and the Vincent O'Brien Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown.

Nicholls is entitled to feel under pressure this week but prefers to take each day as it comes. "I'll probably ride at Newton Abbot the day before and I certainly won't feel any pressure there.

"Anyway, I'm not worried because we have everything to gain and nothing to lose. We'll do our best and, if we lose, there's always another day."

Remarkable *sang froid* from the 25-year-old Devon-based jockey, now in his third season at David Barons's Kingsbridge yard. It is a partnership which has turned out to be highly successful.

"Yes, we get on very well. We can talk frankly about what went on in a race, and Mr Barons is critical about my riding when he thinks I've done something wrong, which actually helps me a lot. In fact, I haven't ridden for an outside stable for two years. There are about 50 horses in the yard, and I'm very happy with what I've got to ride there."

Nicholls does not come from racing stock, but he never wanted to do anything else. When he was 16 he went to work at Dick Bainbridge's point-to-point livery yard in Gloucestershire, and spent three years there before joining Kevin Bishop as assistant trainer for the 1981-82 season, during which he turned professional.

The following season saw him move to Josh Gifford at Findon, where initially he and Peter Double shared the job of second jockey to Richard Rowe. He rode 16 winners that term, and was second in the conditional jockeys' championship.

Twenty-three winners followed in 1983-84, his best score so far. But he also lost his claim that season — too quickly he believes — and as is often the case, once the allowance had gone the rides were hard to come by. He was also struggling with his weight: at 6ft his natural weight is around 12 stone, and doing 10st 3lb requires constant discipline.



Paul Nicholls: chance of realizing two ambitions

After three seasons at Findon, Nicholls moved to the West Country. At first he had to play second fiddle to Hywel Davies, but for the past two seasons he has had the pick of the Barons yard. He has no hesitation in nominating Playschool as the best horse he has sat on.

"In my experience there's nothing to touch him, and I don't think we've seen the best of him yet."

With doubts over the fitness of Kildimo, Playschool's two main rivals could turn out to be Forgive'N Forget and the French-trained Nupsala. Nicholls, however, remains confident of beating this pair.

"We beat Forgive'N Forget eight lengths at Leopardstown a month ago," he points out. "I'm convinced it would have been nearer to 20 if we hadn't made such a hash of the last. And Forgive'N Forget would have won the King George by two or three lengths from Nupsala if he hadn't fallen at the last."

A logical argument for exuding confidence, but perhaps Paul Nicholls also believes in coincidence. When he came into racing he had two ambitions — to win the Gold Cup and ride 100 winners. His current score stands at 99.

Wasps poised to challenge leaders

By Chris Thau

Sale..... 6
Wasps..... 14

Beating an ambitious yet limited Sale by a goal and two tries to two penalty goals, Wasps have leapt into second place in the Courage Clubs Championship table and look set to challenge the leaders, Leicester, for the pole position.

Sale, still without a league win after seven matches, have consolidated their position at the bottom of the first division and, therefore, their relegation prospects.

A year's spell in the second division could be beneficial for rebuilding their strength in depth. At this stage in time they have only about 12 players of first division standard, of whom eight are forwards.

On the other hand the playing pattern of Wasps — without five of their first team choices, including the two England props, Rendall and Probyn — was hardly affected.

Dave Richardson, who replaced Hugh Davies, was solid in defence, the captain of the third team, Sol N'Jie, looked useful and scored a vital try while the two props, Holmes and Warner, emerged with credit from the encounter with their rugged opponents, Whitcombe and Callery. Mark Rose, replacing Pegler, was simply outstanding.

On the Sale side, replacements seem unable to fill the boots of their regulars. Their scrum half, Chris Campbell, who replaced the injured Howard Fitton, had a particularly dreadful game.

Besides, Campbell had the misfortune to be constantly compared to his opposite number, the England captain, Nigel Melville, who was in sterling form. With the two packs locked in what often looked a sterile tug of war, Melville made the difference.

The game started in spirited fashion with Sale drawing blood early with a penalty by Jenion. Soon after, the Sale right wing, Stanton, tried to prevent a two to one overlap developing by knocking the ball on. The referee, Fred Howard, judged his attempt as deliberate and had no hesitation in awarding a penalty try.

While Sale managed to land only one more penalty out of four attempts, Wasps scored another two tries through Mark Rose and Sol N'Jie.

SCORERS: Sale: Penalties: Jenion (2). Wasps: Tries: Rose, N'Jie, penalty try. Conversion: Andrew.
SALE: G Jenion; G Stanton, P Stansfield, J Bentley, D Pollard; G Rafferty, C Campbell; M Whitcombe, A Simpson, M Callery, S Tipping, J Howe, I McKie, I Gittens, R Meachin.
WASPS: D Richardson; S N'Jie, P Young, R Lozowski, S Pilgrim; R Andrew, N Melville; G Holmes, A Simmons, D Warner, M Rigby, J O'Leary, C Pinnegar, M Rose, J Ellison.
Referee: F Howard (Liverpool Society).

Four centres of fatal attraction

By Gerald Davies

Swansea..... 23
Bath..... 28

It was as if, with a change of emphasis and tactics, a time-shift had also taken place. There was once a time when centres had their fling and did their thing, beholden to no one but their own wish to run with the ball and not, as lately has become the fashion, merely to run in straight lines and bowl over those who stray in the way.

Because some were very good at this it became the pattern for everyone else to follow. But on Saturday the four midfield players contributed in a big way to what turned out eventually to be an exciting and entertaining match which, in a nail-biting finale, Bath just about deserved to win by three goals, a try and two dropped goals to two goals, two tries and a penalty. Between them the four centres scored six tries.

When the home team began winning loose ball, Parfitt and Michael ran elusively and with balance. They, too, were a joy to watch. But there was another treat in store. Having played his way through mini-rugby in Bath, moving on to school and youth sides, Guscott, at 21, looks an exciting prospect.

With the wind at their backs it took Bath time to get going in an ill-tempered opening spell. With 10 minutes to go of the first half they were only seven points up from a Barnes dropped goal and a try from Hill. But by the time the whistle blew for the interval, Guscott and Halliday had seared their way through the Swansea defence for a try each, both of which Barnes converted.

In the ninth minute after the restart Hitchings attempted to use his head to get his point across to Dawe and was promptly dispatched to the dressing-room.

Facing fourteen players, Bath seemed then to have it all sewn up. But not a bit of it. With Stewart kicking a penalty, Michael scoring a try, which the full back converted, Swansea were back in the game. But Guscott struck again with a try and, with Barnes adding the extra points, that surely was it. But Parfitt, Subbiani and Michael scored tries, only one of which Stewart was able to convert, yet it brought them within two points of the visitors. Barnes, however, dropped a goal on the last kick of the game.

SCORERS: Swansea: Tries: T Michael (2), S Parfitt, R Subbiani. Conversions: A Stewart (2). Penalties: A Stewart. Bath: Tries: R Hill, J Guscott (2), S Halliday. Conversions: S Barnes (3). Dropped goal: S Barnes (2).
SWANSEA: A Stewart; R Subbiani, S Parfitt, T Michael, B Taylor; M Titley, A Williams; K Colclough, P Hitchings, M Morgan (rep: D Williams), A Reynolds, I Brown, R Moriarty, M Davies, I Davies.
BATH: J Palmer; T Swift, S Halliday, J Guscott, A Lumsden; S Barnes, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Dawe, P Kiplink, A Robinson, N Redman, J Morrison, D Maslin, D Egerton.
Referee: W Jones (Gwaun-cae-Gurwen).

Celebrations begin for confident Park

By Bryan Stiles

Northampton..... 0
Rosslyn Park..... 22

While the keepers of rugby's statistics may be pondering over pocket calculators and slide rules, Rosslyn Park are sure they have secured a place in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship.

They needed a big win on Saturday in their last championship game of the season and they achieved it, mainly through the efforts of a forceful pack who gave little respite to the opposition. Their victory, by three goals and one try to nil, means that Bedford and Liverpool-St Helens, fellow second division promotion aspirants, can still catch them, but will have to improve their points difference dramatically.

Park are sure that the players who have promised to join them next season will enable them to make their mark in the higher sphere. They certainly needed someone with a little more imagination on Saturday to turn the possession achieved by their forwards into points.

The tactical kicking of both teams was woeful and such inefficiency is likely to be more severely punished in the first division.

At least Northampton, who finished bottom of the second division, know their position is secure as, in this first season of championship life, there is no relegation to the third.

The only time they did get anything on the board was when an enthusiastic but misguided ball-boy credited them with the first six points in the fourteenth minute. The points belonged to Park, who had scored a try through their most aggressive forward, Tayler, with Graves adding the conversion.

Park's liveliest forward was Mantel, who charged down kicks and raced around the pitch, snuffing out opposition attacks and setting up good ball for his colleagues. It was he who created Tayler's try and he added positive touches to the second-half scores.

Brooks, the captain, collected his customary pushover try for Park to give his side a 10-0 lead at the interval. It was no surprise when they collected two more tries in the second half. The surprise was that they came from the wing, Summers. He had a poor opening half, but his tries were good, incisive scores. Graves converted both and Park started their celebrations.

SCORERS: Rosslyn Park: Tries: Tayler, Brooks, Summers (2). Conversions: Graves (3).
NORTHAMPTON: A Moffatt; F Packman, P Larkin, P Trotman, R Glenn; N Langham, A Street; R Rhymes, G Steele-Bodger, G Pearce, P Alston, S Heaver, D Mason, P Pask, D Stort.
ROSSLYN PARK: J Graves; M Summers, M Plummer, J Ager, D Osbourne; M Jermyn, G Henderson; P Essenhigh, D Barnett, C McGauley, P Tayler, S Foulds, A Ripley, C Mantel, A Brooks.
Referee: G Seddon (Manchester).

Abbey Glen fit to do himself justice

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Good ground has meant bad news for Irish hurdlers and chasers competing at Cheltenham, and these are the conditions projected for this years's National Hunt Festival.

On good to firm ground last year, there was only one Irish victory, but perhaps time will show that the punter who went into a Dublin betting office last week and staked Ir£1,000 at 10-1 about a similar score for 1988 may prove to have been unduly pessimistic.

It is always something of an alibi to argue after the event that Irish owners sell all their best jumping prospects to British stables but in at least one case this year we have succeeded in retaining possession of a genuine star.

Over the past decade, I have not seen a better novice chaser than Abbey Glen, who has won four novice events this season and revealed star quality by giving weight and a comfortable beating to another good novice, Wolf Of Badenoch, at the Leopardstown Christmas meeting.

A bruised foot resulted in Abbey Glen having to miss the Arkle Chase at Leopardstown last month, but he is reported to have made a full recovery and could be compensated in tomorrow's Arkle Trophy.

Paddy Mullins has been holding fire until the last moment about the target for Cloughtaney but it now looks almost certain that those who have already backed him ante-post for the Champion Hurdle will not get a run for their money.

Mullins believes that on good ground he needs a much longer distance and accordingly will divert him to the stayers' hurdle in which the opposition includes last year's winner, Galmoy.

Cloughtaney ran away with the Bishop's Cleeve hurdle by 20 lengths from Mrs Muck on his most recent visit to Cheltenham and looks better endowed with finishing speed than Galmoy.

I went to school with Al O'Connell and cannot accuse him of making a premature assault on Cheltenham. After all, he has now held a trainer's licence for almost 30 years and his first runner here is Classical Charm in the Champion Hurdle. Unlike Cloughtaney, he has been waiting for good ground and O'Connell is confident that he has made sufficient progress since winning the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle in Ireland to be a solid each-way prospect at 20-1.

Mullins has long entertained a good regard for Redundant Pal even though he is still a maiden after three runs over hurdles. On lively ground he will insure a cracking pace in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle.

Blackheath continue Exiles' plunge

By Peter Dixon

Blackheath..... 22
London Welsh..... 7

Talk in the clubhouse after the match centred on the last time Blackheath scored five tries. Nobody could remember when it was. As scorelines go, the 15-point margin served only to flatter London Welsh, whose continuing decline must be a considerable cause for concern at Old Deer Park.

One year on from now and these two sides could be scrapping it out in an attempt to avoid relegation to the new national league's third division.

At the Rectory Field on Saturday there was nothing more than pride at stake in this Courage Clubs Championship second division match and yet it was a commodity in surprisingly short supply for the Welsh.

Depending on your viewpoint, Blackheath's victory stemmed from one of two things — an excellent performance by their forwards, or a particularly inept one from their opponents'. In truth, it was probably a mixture of both.

By half-time, Blackheath held an 8-3 lead which they extended with tries from King and Holcombe — after an outstanding break by Marshall — and a penalty try. Wintle was the only Welshman to cross their line.

SCORERS: Blackheath: Tries: Fenby, Jones, King, Holcombe, penalty try. Conversion: King. London Welsh: Try: Wintle. Penalty: Price.
BLACKHEATH: D Craig; S Lewis, P Jones, R Smith, G Marshall; J King, M Holcombe; M Grier, T Fenby, K Rutter, A Keay, M Harris, D Hursey, H Amnouf, P Vaughan.
LONDON WELSH: N Humphries; R Wintle, I Gosen, G Leleu, D Griffiths; C Price, M Douglas; J Davies, B Light, R Thomas, C Smith, S Page, P Ellis, J Evans, T Waldron.
Referee: C Little (London).

GOLF

Cowgill heritage pays dividends in play-off

By John Hennessy

If you want to succeed in golf it may be a good wheeze to be born to a father of influence — the BBC Head of Sport, for instance — and thereby acquire a godfather of potential influence — a Wimbledon champion, for instance. That way, you get to spend two months under the Californian sunshine in preparation for a new season.

That, at any rate, is the scenario behind Jonathan Cowgill's unexpected victory in the Berkhamsted Trophy tournament on Saturday. His father is Bryan Cowgill, his godfather Jack Kramer.

Cowgill, aged 20, had a few decent results in secondary tournaments last year but nothing to suggest he might triumph in a field bristling with England internationals. But triumph he did, in the midst of a play-off involving five players.

Three dropped out of the first extra hole, James Barwick hooking irretrievably off the tee and both Michael Hughesdon and Andy Rogers overhitting their seconds. Andrew Hare surrendered at the third, where he pushed his drive into a horrid lie and Cowgill played a beautifully judged little pitch shot.

LEADING SCORES: 148: J Cowgill (Royal Mid-Surrey), 70, 78 (won at third extra hole); A Hare (Sleaford), 74, 72; A Rogers (Ealing), 73, 73; M Hughesdon (Sunningdale), 74, 72; S Barwick (East Berkshire), 72, 74. 148: J Coe (Welwyn Garden City), 76, 72; R Latham (Porters Park), 75, 73. 149: W Henry (Porters Park), 73, 76; P Broadhurst (Atherstone), 76, 73. 150: P Robinson (Knebworth), 75, 75. 151: T Nash (Carlyon Bay), 73, 78; N Holman (Worlebury), 74, 77. 152: F George (Beaconsfield), 76, 76; K Fairbairn (Berwick on Tweed), 78, 74; S Wood (Herne Bay), 77, 75; P Smith (Berkhamsted), 75, 77; D Lane (Goring and Streatley), 80, 72.

TENNIS

Chesnokov's win is the final shock

Orlando, Florida, (AFP) — Andrei Chesnokov, of the Soviet Union, provided the last shock when he beat the second-seeded Czechoslovak, Miloslav Mecir, 7-6, 6-1 in the final of the men's $415,000 Grand Prix tournament here on Saturday.

The unseeded Chesnokov, aged 22, took the first-set tie-break 8-6 and then swept through the second, to round off victory in one hour 28 minutes.

The doubles title went to the French pair, Yannick Noah and Guy Forget. They defeated Kim Warwick, of Australia, and Sherwood Stewart, of the United States, 6-4, 6-4.

RESULTS: Singles: Semi-finals: M Mecir (Cz) bt D Pate (US), 7-6, 5-7, 6-0; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt J Berger (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. Final: Chesnokov bt Mecir, 7-6, 6-1. Doubles: Final: Y Noah and G Forget (Fr) bt K Warwick (Aus) and S Stewart (US), 6-4, 6-4.

DETAILS FROM THE WEEKEND MATCHES

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Semi-final

Lancashire 11 Gloucestershire 6
(at Vale of Lune)

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

First division

Sale	6	Wasps	14

Sale: Pens: Jenion (2). Wasps: Tries: Rose, N'jie, penalty try; Con: Andrew.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	8	7	0	1	144	103	29
Wasps	8	5	1	2	124	102	24
Nottingham	10	4	1	5	138	136	23
Moseley	10	4	0	6	140	167	22
Bristol	8	4	1	3	145	92	21
Gloucester	8	4	1	3	132	105	21
Waterloo	6	4	0	2	86	90	18
Bath	8	3	1	4	107	112	18
Orrell	6	3	1	2	96	77	16
Coventry	7	2	1	4	85	155	14
Harlequins	6	2	1	3	109	65	13
Sale	7	0	0	7	56	159	7

Second division

Blackheath	22	London Welsh	7

Blackheath: Tries: Fenby, Jones, King, Holcombe, penalty try. Con: King. London Welsh: Try: Wintle. Pen: Price.

Northampton	0	Rosslyn Park	22

Rosslyn Park: Tries: Summers (2), Taylor, Brooks. Cons: Graves (3).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rosslyn Pk	11	8	2	1	155	83	37
Lpool St Helens	8	7	0	1	113	55	29
Bedford	8	5	2	1	90	53	25
Richmond	9	5	0	4	109	109	24
L Irish	11	4	1	6	120	173	24
Headingley	8	4	1	3	136	85	21
L Scottish	8	4	0	4	114	90	20
Saracens	7	3	2	2	91	67	18
Gosforth	9	2	1	6	87	115	16
Blackheath	10	2	0	8	90	139	16
L Welsh	8	2	1	5	105	131	15
Northampton	9	1	0	8	78	188	12

● Gosforth deducted three points and one win for fielding ineligible player.

Third division

Nuneaton	9	Exeter	11
Maidstone	16	Fylde	18
Morley	7	Wakefield	38

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wakefield	9	8	0	1	269	75	33
Vale of Lune	9	7	0	2	157	125	30
W Hartlepool	7	7	0	0	171	53	28
Fylde	9	6	0	3	254	130	27
Plymouth	8	6	0	2	208	92	26
Met Police	10	5	0	5	127	124	25
Sheffield	8	5	0	3	99	137	23
Maidstone	8	3	0	5	98	95	17
Morley	10	1	1	8	99	220	14
Nuneaton	8	1	1	6	62	98	12
Exeter	8	1	1	6	80	182	12
Birmingham	10	0	1	9	46	349	11

North area

Preston Grasps	19	Lichfield	15
Roundhay	6	Durham	12
Rugby	28	Derby	16
Solihull	7	Broughton Park	14
Stourbridge	13	Birkenhead Park	14

South area

Southend	12	Havant	4
Streetham-C	6	Cheltenham	19
Stroud	31	Camborne	9
Sudbury	15	Askeans	16

Postponed: Sidcup v Lydney.

MIDLANDS: First division: Mansfield 24, Wolverhampton 10; Paviors 15, Barker's Butts 11; Stafford 17, Peterborough 0; Stoke 4, Walsall 3; Westleigh 9, Stockwood Park 11. Second division east: Loughborough 4, Lincoln 6; Matlock 28, Stoneygate 16; Syston 3, Kettering 0; Vipers 7, Newark 9; Wigston 6, Stamford 7. Second division west: Bromsgrove 14, Sutton Coldfield 9; Burton 7, Worcester 12; Doxonians 15, Dudley Kingswinford 0; Hereford 28, Evesham 4; Leamington 12, Newbold 13. East Midlands/Leicestershire: Luton 16, Old Northamptonians 8; Melton Mowbray 0, Aylestone St James 4; South Leicester 10, Oadby Wyggestonians 4; Stewart and Lloyds 30, Long Buckby 6; Towcestrians 24, Bedford Athletic 0. North Midlands: First division: Bridgnorth 6, Old Yardleians 11; Camp Hill 19, Newport 12; Edwardians 0, Kidderminster 13; Luctonians 21, Old Halesonians 0; Whitchurch 11, Kings Norton 10. North, Lincs and Derbys: First division: Glossop 14, Boston 6; Grimsby 6, Worksop 18; Kesteven 9, West Bridgford 0; Mellish 6, Southwell 5; Moderns 10, Scunthorpe 3. Staffordshire/Warwickshire: Handsworth 0, Bedworth 40; Old Leamingtonians 7, Stratford 6; Old Longtonians 16, Kenilworth 3; Newcastle 0, Leek 3; Stoke Old Boys 6, Willenhall 16. NORTH: First division: Harrogate 24, Tynedale 7; Otley 45, Wigton 4; West Park 17, Kendal 16; Widnes 8, Hull and ER 6; Winnington Park 51, Hartlepool Rovers 3. Second division: Aspatria 15, Sandal 10; Huddersfield 6, Alnwick 3; Manchester 4, Halifax 20; New Brighton 6, Lymm 12; Wilmslow 3, Davenport 19. North east: First division: Keighley 7, Gateshead Fell 0; Old Crossleyans 14, Morpeth 12; Ripon 7, Wharfedale 25; Rotherham 10, Westoe 0; Thornensians 22, Steydon 15. North west: First division: Caldy 0, Egremont 20; Carlisle 44, Southport 0; Mid Cheshire College 3, Chester 19; Netherhall 6, Wigan 6; Rochdale 30, Blackburn 7.
SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST: First division: Redruth 20, Maidenhead 15; St Ives 9, High Wycombe 27; Taunton 11, Clifton 10; Torquay Athletic 30, Bridgwater and Albion 15; Weston-super-Mare 47, Bournemouth 0. Second division: Devonport Services 32, Cinderford 3; Henley 12, Bridham 20; Launceston 13, Berry Hill 38; Newbury 16, Barnstaple 7; Reading 28, Abbey 18. Southern counties: Oxford Old Boys 6, Marlow 9; Redingensians 44, Bracknell 12; Swindon 34, Bletchley 4; Wimborne 32, Banbury 11; Windsor 17, Aylesbury 16. Western counties: Okehampton 21, Matson 21; Old Redcliffians 0, Gordon League 31; Sidmouth 12, Clevedon 23; Tiverton 3, Cirencester 15; Truro 13, Avon and Somerset Police 10.

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon	13	Bridgend	18
Aberbillery	24	Saracens	6
Bedford	59	Birmingham	12
Cardiff	16	Pontypool	17
Ebbw Vale	25	Nottingham	23
Gloucester	44	Richmond	12
Harrogate	24	Tynedale	7
Headingley	18	Orrell	9
London Irish	34	Moseley	19
London Scottish	6	Bristol	24
Maesteg	20	Neath	16
Newbridge	33	Penarth	6
Newport	29	Llanelli	59
Plymouth	26	S Wales Police	21
Pontypridd	20	Glamorgan W	20
Sheffield	12	Northern	3
Swansea	23	Bath	28
W Hartlepool	21	Gosforth	12

Cancelled: South Glamorgan Institute v Exeter University.

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division

Ayr	10	Boroughmuir	9
Hawick	51	Musselburgh	3
Kelso	35	Heriot's FP	0
Melrose	22	Selkirk	15
Stewart's Mel FP	16	Edinburgh Acad	12
Watsonians	3	Glasgow Acad	22
W of Scotland	23	Kilmarnock	14

IRELAND: Ulster Senior Cup: First round: Collegians 3, Portadown 9; Malone 19, Academy 7; Ards 8, Dungannon 12; Ballymena 20, Instonians 9; Armagh 8, NIFC 16; City of Derry 6, CIYMS 9; Bangor 35, Ballymahinch 3; Queen's University 17, Enniskillen 8. Munster Senior Cup: First round: Bohemians 3, Sunday's Well 16; Highfield 3, Constitution 10. Senior club: Young Munster 20, DLSP 16; Garryowen 6, St Mary's College 14

YESTERDAY

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Warwickshire 31, Surrey 19 (at Coventry).
COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Third division: Vale of Lune 13, Metropolitan Police 6.

Student kings

Loughborough University won the game between two of student rugby's trophy holders when they beat West London Institute 16-9 at Ashby Road in almost continuous rain. Loughborough, UAU title holders, ran in four tries against the British Colleges Cup winners.

Nupsala's form stands up to close inspection

By Gerald Hubbard, The Times Private Handicapper

The ground plays a pivotal role in assessing prospects at the National Hunt Festival. Cloughtaney would be a firm recommendation if the going became soft and he were to be aimed at the Champion Hurdle. Conversely Nupsala, my choice for the Gold Cup, is likely to be absent if the ground is other than good.

Celtic Chief's performance in handing out a comprehensive drubbing to Celtic Shot ranks almost on a par with Cloughtaney's over 2½ miles at Cheltenham. Lines through Celtic Shot and Pat's Jester indicate that he holds Osric, Floyd and Nohalmdun.

Swingit Gunner revealed a scintillating turn of foot when disposing of Gaye Brief and Corporal Clinger over 2½ miles at Cheltenham, but neither can now be ranked as top class yardsticks. He is on the upgrade but has something to find.

There is hardly a proliferation of international hurdling form lines and any assessment of Marty River is tenuous. However, lines through Gacko, Inlander, Eremite and Kesslin suggest that he verges on top class.

Osric has each-way prospects but, in the probable absence of Cloughtaney, Celtic Chief is the form choice.

On the Gold Cup front, a cloud of uncertainty hovers over Kildimo, who at last showed his true worth when beating Desert Orchid at Wincanton. That exhilarating grey can have little chance of reversing placings at Cheltenham.

Kildimo's old rival, Playschool, has made comparably impressive progress. The value of the form of his Leopardstown victory over Forgive'N Forget is slightly diminished by the close proximity of the extreme veteran Royal Bond.

Forgive'N Forget appeared well held by Nupsala when taking a crashing fall at the last in the King George. It is possible that Desert Orchid and Beau Ranger may have cut each other's throats by setting a ferocious pace, but the subsequent form of Golden Friend (third, beaten 18 lengths) and Castle Warden (fifth, beaten 39 lengths) suggests that the form is solid.

Cavvies Clown has exhibited an invigorating enthusiasm this season and could profit should any misfortune overcome the principals. But, granted good ground, I expect Nupsala to notch another Gallic triumph.

The two favourites in the Triumph Hurdle, Kribens

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RACING: SAD BLOW FOR EDWARDS AS STAR NOVICE IS RULED OUT OF SUN ALLIANCE CHASE ON EVE OF CHELTENHAM

Laochail should open account against lowly opposition

By Mandarin

John Norton's **Laochail**, who ran so creditably behind Royal Illusion in the Victor Ludorum Hurdle at Haydock Park earlier this month, has a fine opportunity to open his account in the Slaphouse Novices' Hurdle at Ayr today.

Formerly trained on the Flat by Robert Armstrong at Newmarket, Laochail was prominently placed in the Haydock contest until three flights out, where the pace quickened up, but he stayed on strongly again on the long run-in to take fifth place.

Previously, the four-year-old ran the Mark Tompkins-trained Kadan, a Triumph Hurdle outsider, to half a length at Southwell and his overall form looks superior to that of his eight rivals. Laochail is my nap.

Doubtless has shown ability with several placed efforts in novice handicap hurdles this term, but the Gordon Richards representative, Quassimi, after an encouraging first effort behind Al Shamikh at Edinburgh in January, has been well beaten in his two subsequent starts.

The second division could prove a timely omen for the Tinkler family. While Colin has been putting the finishing touches to Swingit Gunner's preparation for tomorrow's Champion Hurdle, his younger brother, Nigel, can boost morale by scoring with Lullaby Baby.

This four-year-old was beaten only on the run-in when third on his debut behind Donnas Darling at Kelso and has plenty of scope for improvement.

The former Guy Harwood inmate **Bushido** could never get in a blow at Rapier Thrust in a competitive handicap hurdle at Edinburgh last month, but had earlier beaten Beaker (a winner at Ayr on Saturday) comprehensively at Kelso, and looks on a reasonable mark for today's Rosemount Handicap Hurdle.

Chris Thornton's **Brother Geoffrey** should get back on the winning trail in the 2½-mile Arthur Challenge Cup. The nine-year-old faded behind Knockelly Castle at Newcastle last month, but on the same course in December beat a useful sort in The Divider by 30 lengths.

Southwell off

Southwell today has been abandoned after torrential rain yesterday afternoon left parts of the course waterlogged. Pat Firth, the clerk of the course, said yesterday: "There is water lying on the bends and on the take-off and landing areas around the fences."



Champion return for Peter Scudamore after a three-week ban as Ardesee jumps clear at Chepstow on Saturday

Kissane out of Festival

Top staying novice chaser Kissane is injured and will miss the Cheltenham Festival.

John Edwards's nine-year-old, a strong fancy for Wednesday's Sun Alliance Chase, suffered a cut while at exercise on Friday morning.

"Unfortunately, the injury necessitated antibiotic treatment and Kissane will be unable to run at Cheltenham," a stable spokesman said.

The ex-Irish gelding's revised target is the Champagne Mumm Novices' Chase at Liverpool's Grand National meeting.

Kissane is unbeaten over fences in Britain, having registered victories at Doncaster, Ascot and Stratford.

With an enviable collection of 11 prime mounts, Richard Dunwoody is 9-4 favourite with William Hill to wind up as leading jockey at the Festival.

Spearheading the 24-year-old Ulsterman's challenge are the Champion Hurdle favourite, Celtic Chief, and Kribensis, market leader for the Triumph Hurdle.

Dunwoody also rides Very Promising, trained by his No 1 employer, David Nicholson, in the Queen Mother Two-Mile Champion Chase.

CYCLING

Kelly wins seventh Paris to Nice race

Nice, (Reuter) – Sean Kelly secured his seventh Paris to Nice victory here yesterday when he won the second half of *the sixth and final stage, a timed* climb on Col d'Eze. The Irishman covered the winding 10 kilometres in 20min 11.64sec to take overall victory by 18 seconds from Ronan Pensec, of France.

It was his first stage win in this year's 1,018-kilometre race and was the fifth time that Kelly has won the mountain time trial. At the halfway mark he was nine seconds slower than Pensec, but then opened up to win by less than two seconds.

Kelly said: "I was becoming stronger as the time went on. *Throughout the race I was never* in difficulty and never had any bad luck, but it was a pity that I missed the record for the climb." That was set last year by his compatriot, Stephen Roche, the world champion, at 19min 47sec.

Kelly took over the race lead at St Tropez on Friday, deposing Sean Yates, who had held it since winning the opening stage. The first half of yesterday's stage from Mandelieu-la-Napoule was won by Andreas Kappes, of West Germany, with Malcolm Elliott, of Great Britain, second.

RESULTS (French unless stated): Fifth stage (187km from Saint Tropez to Mandelieu-la-Napoule): 1, P Esnault, 4hr 47min 9sec; 2, B Cornillet, 10sec behind; 3, E Planckaert (Bel), 15sec behind; 4, E de Wilde (Bel); 5, S Kelly (Ire); 6, R Pensec, *all same time, British and others:* 30, R Millar (GB), 15sec behind; 40, S Yates (GB), 1:31sec; 45, M Earley (Ire), 1:31sec; 66, M Elliott (GB), 5:44sec; 67, J McLoughlin (GB), 5:44sec; 80, P Watson *(GB), 8:50sec. Retired: D Dawe (GB).* Sixth stage, first half (100km from Mandelieu to Nice): 1, A Kappes (WG), 2hr 29min 35sec; 2, Elliott; 3, J Dominguez (Sp), both same time. British and others: 29, Earley, 2min 6sec behind; 33, Watson, 2:29; 38, Elliott, 2:49; 48, Yates, 3:15; 106, McLoughlin, 5:40. Second half (106m time trial): 1, Kelly, 20min 11sec; 2, Pensec, 2sec behind; 3, J Gorospe (Sp), 11; 4, E Breukink (Neth), 12; 5, A Hampsten (US), 22; 6, E Cartoux, 44. British: 8, Millar, 48. Final positions: 1, Kelly, 27hr 27min 1sec; 2, Pensec, 18sec behind; 3, Gorospe, 36; 4, P Simon, 1:20; 5, L Fignon, 2:08; 6, L Leblanc, 2:46. British: 9, Millar, 3:03; 18, Yates, 5:50.

Bradley poised to team up with Cavvies Clown

By Christopher Goulding

In the event of Kildimo's likely absence in Thursday's Cheltenham Gold Cup, Graham Bradley has a more than able substitute in Cavvies Clown.

Bradley said yesterday: "I have been asked by David Elsworth to be on stand-by if Kildimo does not run, as I understand Ross Arnott will not be fit to take the ride."

Arnott, who teamed up so successfully with Cavvies Clown in the SGB Chase and the Bradstone Mandarin Chase, missed two further victories, at Wincanton and Cheltenham, on the little bay because of a broken collar-bone. Bradley successfully deputised on both occasions.

Unfortunately for Arnott he will again miss the ride in the Blue Riband due to another collar-bone break.

A dejected Arnott said yesterday: "I broke the same collar-bone again at Wincanton on Thursday. Also, I have a bone broken in my left hand. I should think I will be off for over a fortnight. It certainly is a hard game."

Elsworth is expecting to have two other runners in the Gold Cup, Rhyme 'N' Reason (Brendan Powell) and Desert Orchid (Colin Brown). With the going forecast to be good, Desert Orchid, who has also been declared for the Queen Mother Champion Chase, will take his chance in the Gold Cup for the first time.

News concerning Kildimo is far from encouraging. He has missed crucial gallops and Toby Balding, the gelding's trainer, is expected to make a statement later today about his participation.

Bradley, who spearheaded the unique first five home for Michael Dickinson by riding Bregawn *to victory in the 1983 Gold Cup,* has a strong hand for the three-day Festival.

His mounts are divided between Mrs Dickinson, David Elsworth and Toby Balding.

In the Arkle he teams up with *Orwell Times, a recent Irish* recruit to Balding's stable, who beat leading novice chaser Mount Parson in Ireland.

Tonights The Night, the easy winner of three novice chases this season, has an outstanding chance in the Sun Alliance Chase now that Kissane will not be running.

Both the French challengers, Marly River (Champion Hurdle) and Nupsala (Gold Cup), are reported to be in top form.

***Oliver Sherwood, who has Nupsala under his care, said:* "He is 100 per cent. No problems." And a spokeswoman, for Stan Meller's stable where Marly River is lodging, said: "He worked this morning and is very well indeed."**

Shamrock Master ends 14-year wait

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

Shamrock Master, formerly lead *horse to the 1986 Grand Nation*al winner West Tip, landed *The Times* Championship qualifier at Sir W W Wynn's on Saturday.

Turning for home, Joey O'Shea and Shamrock Master *gained the upper hand over* Charlie Magpie (Robin Greenway) but a good late run by Major Stewart (Steven Brookshaw) posed a real threat to the favourite until coming down at the last fence when only a length in arrears.

Shamrock Master was bought by O'Shea's fiancee, Mary Hamilton-Ellis, for 5,500 guineas from Michael Oliver. O'Shea, who runs a horse transport business, was having his first win after trying for 14 years. Last time out on this horse, he had finished first only to be disqualified for going round a fence where a fallen horse was lying prone.

Another previously unlucky *loser, Tharus O'Reilly, who fell* at the last fence at Bishops Court three weeks ago when holding every chance, made no mistake this time when winning *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Western.

His owner and regular rider, Hugh Trerise, hurt in that fall, watched Bill Henderson virtually make all on Tharus O'Reilly to come home seven lengths in front of Meant (Mandy Turner) with Mystic Sultan third.

The winner's connections believe that Towcester will suit Tharus O'Reilly well and are looking forward to his running *in the final on May 20.*

THE TIMES Point-to-Point Championship

Pointer for Celtic Shot

Champion Hurdle hope Celtic Shot was given a lift after Sprowston Boy won the William Hill Imperial Gold Cup at Sandown Park on Saturday (Christopher Goulding writes). It was on the same course where Celtic Shot comprehensively beat Sprowston Boy in the Mecca Hurdle.

Sprowston Boy was returning *to form after disappointing in* the Ladbroke Hurdle at Leopardstown.

Paul Kelleway, the winning trainer, explained: "He travelled badly to Ireland and the heavy ground was also against him. I expect he will run at Lingfield Park on Saturday in the Bic *Razor Handicap Hurdle."*

The Queen Mother received a tremendous reception after her colours were carried to victory by Lunedale in the Food Brokers Handicap Chase. Winning trainer, Fulke Walwyn, went on to complete a double with Kilbrittain Castle, ridden by his assistant trainer Gerald Oxley, *in the Dick McCreery Cup.*

Hare race for Sutton by whisker

By Peter Bryan

A race that had been punctuated with attacks ended in the fiercest of all yesterday at the finish of the March Hare 40-miles professional event on the windswept Eastway Circuit at Stratford.

The field of 52 riders had regrouped as one main pack at the bell, with one mile to go. On the final left hand corner at the start of the uphill run to the line the riders were spread across the road, elbow to elbow.

Steve Joughin was the first of the sprinters to try his luck but later admitted: "I put my nose to the front just a little too early." But while Joughin's effort was still carrying him to the line at 30mph, the Australian, *Shane Sutton, burst to the front* on the left hand side of the road.

Then in the last 20 yards *Mark Walsham, the season's* first winner last week, came up to Sutton's shoulder but lost a split second when he wavered off the road as he and Sutton appeared to brush each other. Walsham thought that he had won but the photo-finish showed that he had failed by inches.

Sutton's victory carried a bonus of 10 points in the competition for the two places open to UK professional teams *in this year's Milk Race. Last* week Sutton scored eight points for PMS-Dawes when he was third to Walsham in the Tour of the Marshes.

Darryl Webster, after crashing out of his professional debut on *Saturday, was called on to ride* again yesterday to keep PMS-Dawes at strength. Still recovering from an operation to his right knee, Webster was active in the bunch and said that his leg had stood up well to the strain of the race.

RESULT: 1, S Sutton (PMS-Dawes), 1hr 33mm 5sec; 2, M Walshall (Percy Bilton), same time; 3, S Joughin (Ever-Ready), same time.

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Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 **LAOCHAIL** (nap).
2.30 Brother Geoffrey.
3.00 Bushido.
3.30 Laid Back.
4.00 Lullaby Baby.
4.30 Royal Pit.
5.00 Palmrush.

By Michael Seely

2.00 LAOCHAIL (nap). 3.00 Political Prospect. 4.00 Lullaby Baby.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 LAOCHAIL.
Brian Beel's selection: 4.30 Secret Brae.

Going: soft (chase course); heavy (hurdles)

2.0 SLAPHOUSE NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m) (9 runners)

1	0-008	CHARLIE DAGG 45 (Mrs R Goldie) R Goldie 7-11-2	G Harker	—
2	03-2323	DOUBTLESS 30 (BF) (C Alexander) C Alexander 6-11-2	G Lyons (7)	91
5	002340	TERESBINTH 16 (J Herdman) J Charlton 5-11-2	B Storey	89
7	000	BONNYBROOK 59 (N Barber) R Fisher 5-10-11	R Hodge (7)	—
12	00	BE MY PROSPECT 17 (R Ross) Miss M Bell 4-10-8	M Hammond	—
13	000	FOUNTAINCOURT 12 (B) (K Colton) N Tinkler 4-10-8	G McCourt	—
14	20020	LAOCHAIL 9 (A Guy) J Norton 4-10-8	L Wyer	● 99
15	300	QUASSIMI 17 (Dr K Fraser) G Richards 4-10-8	P Tuck	89
17	00	BOLD AD 17 (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 4-10-3	K Jones	—

BETTING: 11-8 Laochail, 5-2 Quassimi, 9-2 Doubtless, 6-1 Teresbinth, 14-1 Charlie Dagg, 20-1 others.

1987: MERITMOORE 4-11-0 M Hammond (4-7 fav) G Moore 10 ran

FORM DOUBTLESS (11-7) 3rd lost his lead 3 out and beaten 8l, nk by Mercurius (10-9) here (2m, £1749, heavy, Feb 13, 5 ran).
BONNYBROOK (10-11) 12th beaten 32½l by Stark Reality (10-12) at Edinburgh (2m, £1200, good, Jan 15, 16 ran).
LAOCHAIL (11-4) 5th beaten 26l by Royal Illusion (11-10) at Haydock (2m, £4971, good to soft, Mar 5, 13 ran).
QUASSIMI (10-12) 11th never a factor beaten 52½l at Kelso (2m, £1198, good to soft, Feb 26, 15 ran).
Selection: LAOCHAIL

2.30 ARTHUR CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2330: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

2	0P/200P-	KUMBI 439 (F,G,S) (D Lunt) D McCain 13-11-10	N Doughty	● 99
4	14-3210	BROTHER GEOFFREY 23 (D,G,S) (G Brittain) C Thornton 9-10-12	D Wilkinson	94
6	4-112FF	PROUD CON 19 (CD,G,S) (H Proud) J Charlton 9-10-4	B Storey	96
9	0061O2	SNOW BLESSED 3 (CD,F,G,S) (C Alexander) C Alexander 11-10-0	J O'Gorman (7)	91
10	4-34P00	SHOOLER PRINCE 6 (CD,G,S) (F Watson) F Watson 11-10-0	G Harker	—

BETTING: 7-4 Proud Con, 9-4 Brother Geoffrey, 3-1 Kumbi, 9-2 Snow Blessed, 14-1 Shooler Prince.

1987: BLACKFEET 8-12-6 T Dun (2-1) J S Wilson 4 ran

FORM KUMBI has been off the course since finishing fifth behind Stearsby in the 1986 Welsh National.
PROUND CON was in touch when falling in contest won by Whats What; earlier when completed (10-0) 2nd beaten 7l by the easy winner Allen Glazed here (2m 4f, £3079, heavy, Jan 2, 4 ran).
BROTHER GEOFFREY was hampered and did not show best when 5th to Knockelly Castle; earlier (10-3) won well by 30l from The Divider *(11-10) at* Newcastle (2m 4f, £2887, good to soft, Dec 29, 3 ran).
SNOW BLESSED (11-3) 2nd lost his lead 4 out when beaten 10l by Sidvic (10-4) at Carlisle (2m, £890, soft, Mar 11, 12 ran).
Selection: BROTHER GEOFFREY

3.0 ROSEMOUNT HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,200: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1	083442	POLITICAL PROSPECT 24 (J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 6-11-10	G Lyons (7)	86
2	004120	BUSHIDO 24 (S) (G Poitrakis) J S Wilson 5-11-8	L Wyer	91
3	F00000	SMART IN BLACK 21 (B,F,S) (W Stevenson-Taylor) G Richards 6-11-3	P Tuck	82
4	004321	PENDLEY GOLD 31 (C,S) (Mrs H Greenshields) M Naughton 7-10-10	P Harris (7)	91
7	303320	YOUNG WARRIOR 20 (Miss M Bell) Miss M Bell 4-10-0	M Hammond	● 99

BETTING: 15-8 Young Warrior, 5-2 Pendley Gold, 11-4 Bushido, 4-1 Political Prospect, 16-1 Smart In Black.

1987: GRUNDY'S PET 5-10-12 M Hammond (3-1 fav) G Moore 10 ran

FORM POLITICAL PROSPECT (9-7) never threat to Rapier Thrust (11-6) when beaten 8l and BUSHIDO (10-0) 10th beaten 62½l at Edinburgh (3m, £938, good, Feb 19, 17 ran).
BUSHIDO earlier (10-0) 2nd lost his pitch 2 out beaten 7l by Trickshot (10-3) here Ayr (2m 4f, £1749, heavy, Feb 12, 9 ran).
PENDLEY GOLD (10-7) kept on well to win by 1l from The Yomper (11-5) here (2m, £952, heavy, Feb 19, 15 ran).
YOUNG WARRIOR (11-0) 5th tailed to quicken when beaten 24l by Eurocon (10-10) at Sedgefield (2m 4f, £685, good to firm, Feb 23, 14 ran).
Selection: PENDLEY GOLD

3.30 HOLLYBUSH NOVICES CHASE (£1,707: 3m 110yd) (6 runners)

2	4-3218U	LAID BACK 10 (G,S) (Mrs C Smith) G Moore 7-11-7	M Hammond	● 99
4	4/U-P20	HOME TO ROOST 9 (D Hodgson) T Donnelly 8-11-3	B Storey	—
8	0F/0-34P	NELSONS BEACH 44 (J Dun) G Dun 10-11-3	Mr J M Dun	91
10	110-084	RIVERNOT 20 (S) (P Piter) W A Stephenson 5-11-3	A Merrigan (4)	86
13	2203F4	WRITE THE MUSIC 14 (V,S) (J Abell) P Felgate 7-11-3	S Johnson	—
14	004P0F	CHANCES PITCH 20 (Mrs H Wells) P Daly 7-10-12	K Doolan	—

BETTING: 13-8 Laid Back, 11-4 Nelsons Beach, 7-2 Rivernot, 5-1 Write The Music, 20-1 others.

1987: HANDY TRICK 5-11-3 R Lamb (11-10 fav) W A Stephenson 6 ran

FORM LAID BACK latest lost rider 8th, when *last completed (11-3)* won in good style by ¾l from Goodfellow's Folly (10-12) at Catterick (3m 300yd, £1321, soft, Jan 22, 9 ran).
HOME TO ROOST (11-7) 11th was never a factor behind Red Ruddel (11-12) at Market Rasen (3m, £2970, good, Mar 5, 20 ran).
RIVERNOT (10-6) 4th beaten 14l by Almondbury (10-10) at Sedgefield (3m 600yd, £1277, good to firm, Feb 23, 14 ran).
WRITE THE MUSIC (11-1) 4th never a factor when beaten over 30l by Cool Sun (11-1) at Leicester (3m, £1275, good to soft, Feb 29, 15 ran).
Selection: LAID BACK

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.0 SLAPHOUSE NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m) (13 runners)

1	2012P	BOY PAINTER 16 (CD,S) (Regent Decorators Ltd) J Johnson 5-11-8	G Lyons	97
2	040243-	BANTEL BUCCANEER 329 (B Brandon) Miss M Bell 6-11-2	B Storey	92
3	F23UU/P	BRIGAN 45 (J Haldane) J Haldane 10-11-2	N Doughty	—
4	004300	FELL MIST 45 (D MacDonald) D MacDonald 5-11-2	G Martin	97
5	00-000	GARTHMAN 13 (J Measures) P Felgate 5-11-2	S Johnson	84
8	0-	GREEN VILLE 331 (J Pringle) J Pringle 6-11-2	C Hawksbee	—
7		MINDER'S MAN (G Reid) R McDonald 6-11-2	K Jones	—
11	0	STAYHAR GOLD 14 (Mrs M Greenshields) J S Wilson 6-11-2	L Wyer	—
13	00	WILLS DAGG 44 (Mrs R Goldie) R Goldie 5-11-2	G Harker	—
14	F2100	IZADYAR 12 (V,CD,S) (R Johnson) G Moore 4-11-0	M Hammond	98
15	04P00P	OVERTON LASS 24 (W Young) W Young 8-10-11	A Merrigan (4)	—
16		CENTRAL PACIFIC (D Robertson) D Robertson 4-10-8	Mr D Robertson	—
18	3	LULLABY BABY 17 (Full Circle Thoroughbreds D Plc) N Tinkler 4-10-3	G McCourt	● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Lullaby Baby, 3-1 Izadyar, 7-2 Boy Painter, 6-1 Fell Mist, 8-1 Bantel Buccaneer, 14-1 others.

1987: PAT'S JESTER 4-11-0 N Doughty (11-10 fav) R Allan 10 ran

FORM *BOY PAINTER latest pulled up 3 out;* earlier (11-3) 2nd lost his lead 2 out when beaten 7l by Izzday (10-8) here (2m, £701, heavy, Feb 12, 7 ran).
BANTEL BUCCANEER (11-10) 3rd stayed on close home beaten 5¼l by Tina's Brig (11-2) at Carlisle (2m, £1337, good to soft, Apr 20, 24 ran).
FELL MIST (10-13) down field behind BOY PAINTER (10-6) at Ayr (2m, £685, heavy, Jan 23, 12 ran).
STAYHAR GOLD (11-0) 8th made some ground s *out when beaten 8¼l by Heyfleet (11-3) at Doncaster* (2m, £2556, firm, Feb 29, 17 ran).
IZADYAR (11-0) 5th led till lost touch 3 out beaten 9l by Harvest Blues (10-7) at Wetherby (2m, £694, good, Mar 2, 12 ran).
LULLABY BABY (10-7) put up a good first effort when headed on the flat beaten 10l by Donnas Darling (10-13) at Kelso (2m, £1198, good to soft, Feb 26, 15 ran).
Selection: LULLABY BABY

4.30 AYRSHIRE HUNTERS CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £640: 3m 110yd) (6 runners)

4	3-0UP02	PANEGYRIST 17 (C Alexander) C Alexander 13-11-10	D Macleggart (7)	● 99
5		ROYAL PIT (R Turcan) R Turcan 8-11-10	A Dudgeon (4)	—
6	0P/P203-	SANDMOOR COURT 301 (F,G,S) (G McGuinness) G McGuinness 10-11-10	J M Dun (7)	—
7	00P242-	SECRET BRAE 299 (Mrs B Barclay) H Barclay 8-11-10	G Robinson (7)	96
8	0PP-	LADY LAW 367 (Mrs H Kelley) Mrs H Kelley 9-11-5	D Kinsella (7)	—
9	00/F	SEA CRACKER 10 (G Richards) G Richards 8-11-5	P Doyle (7)	—

BETTING: 6-4 Panegyrist, 11-4 Secret Brae, 4-1 Sea Cracker, 8-1 Sandmoor Court, 12-1 Royal Pit, 20-1 Lady Law.

1987: WHISTLING THORN 8-11-3 K Anderson (7-4 fav) Miss A Vaughan 8 ran

FORM PANEGYRIST (11-7) could not maintain his lead 4 out when tackled by *Flying Ace (12-0)* beaten 4l at Kelso (3m, £771, good to soft, Feb 26, 6 ran).
ROYAL PIT comes from a good family, has been successful in point-to-points and will not have to be anything special to win this.
SANDMORE COURT (11-6) 2nd beaten 7l by Opportunity (10-9) at Southwell (2m, selling hdle, £1051, good to soft, 18 ran).
SECRET BRAE (11-7) 3rd was no match for Flying Ace (12-1) when beaten 18l at Perth (3m, £789, good to firm, May 20, 5 ran).
SEA CRACKER fell 8th behind Team Approach in a *similar event. Comes from a top stable. Only form* shown has been in bumper events.
Selection: PANEGYRIST

5.0 GRUNWICK STAKES NH FLAT RACE (£795: 2m) (14 runners)

3	00	JOHN PAT 17 (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 5-11-8	Miss S Ward	—
5	00	MARTIN O'SHAUNESSY 3 (Mrs B McKinney) A Fowler 5-11-8	NON-RUNNER	—
7		NEBECHAL (N Jaffer) R Fisher 5-11-3	R Hodge (7)	—
8		BROKEN BRAE (C Simpson) C Parker 4-11-0	A Parker (7)	—
9	0	CHARLIE PEPPER 9 (W Finerty) J Norton 4-11-0	Miss T Dillon (7)	—
10	2	FOR THE GRAIN 17 (Lightbody of Hamilton Ltd) J S Wilson 4-11-0	Mr D Mactaggart (7)	—
12	0	JANCHEM 17 (D Soley) M Naughton 4-11-0	P Harris (7)	—
14		ONLY FOR MONEY (P Baillie) R Goldie 4-11-0	Mr G Scope (7)	—
15	3	PALMRUSH 14 (Mrs L Carr-Walker) C Thornton 4-11-0	S Turner (7)	—
18	2	SMITHONIAN 67 (G Smyth) Mrs G Reveley 4-11-0	N Smith (7)	—
20		BONNYHILL LASS (D MacDonald) D MacDonald 4-10-9	Mr R Ford (7)	—
21	0	CELTIC BOMBSHELL 44 (T Meski) N Bycroft 4-10-9	Mrs A Stokell (7)	—
22	0	FORALLOVUS 24 (Mrs D Thomson) Mrs D Thomson 4-10-9	A Merrigan (4)	—
24	0	RIVER CLARE 24 (J Pirie) J Gillen 4-10-9	G Lyons (7)	—

BETTING: 9-4 For The Grain, 11-4 Palmrush, Smithonian, 8-1 Janchem, Nebechal, 10-1 Dorallovus, 12-1 others.

1987: COME-N-JOINUS 4-10-7 K Cotter (9-2) P Charlton 12 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
G Moore	12	28	42.9
G Richards	38	165	23.0
Mrs G Reveley	5	23	21.7
W A Stephenson	19	110	17.3
C Parker	5	32	15.6
J Charlton	8	54	14.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Hammond	19	57	33.3
P Tuck	30	103	29.1
S Turner	3	14	21.4
N Doughty	18	87	20.7
Mr D Mactaggart	3	17	17.6
L Wyer	3	18	16.7

Results from 13 meetings

AVON VALE: Hunt: 1, Kings Bill (R Fear); 2, Blue Mail (T Bunting); 3, Langton Cross (D Holdway). Open: 1, Prince Mabourne (G Upton); 2, Coney Castle (N Legg); 3, No Sweat (E Whittam). Ladies: 1, Gallabawn (Mrs J Liston); 2, Bronze Medal (Mrs E Abbott); 3, Freshwell (Miss T Cave). PPOA Novice I: 1, *Nearly Handy (Miss M Hill);* 3, Angel Bank (G Henderson). Adj: 1, Moody Brook (P Howse); 2, Brent Mystery (D Lutt); 3, Port Askaig (J Portman). PPOA Novice II: 1, Mr Jet (Dr P Pritchard); 2, Captain Kelly (J *Taylor); 3, Chatinch (Miss K Dare).* Mdn: 1, Purnago (N Bush); 2, Samba Court (S Burrough); 3, New Columbine (A Jones).

BRECON: Hunt: 1, Loch Raven (T Jones); 2, Lynwood Lad (G Snell); 3, Panaominist (M Sheppard). Adj: 1, Empiric (D S Jones); 2, Ashburnian (D Stephens); 3, Frozen Asset (G Snell). Open I: 1, Lislary Lad (T Jones); 2, Ron Carrello (T Rooney); 3, Jack Bilmair (A James). Open II: 1, Fixed Price (J Llewellyn); 2, Norman Cas (P Mathias); 3, Katasville (T Jones). Ladies I: 1, Young Sugar Bush (Miss R Lougher); 2, Lost Albert (Miss P Jones); 3, Another Orbit (Miss L Wallis). Ladies II: 1, Ebony Hill (Miss H Hancock); 2, Royal Missile (Mrs C Lee); 3, Chica's Beau (Miss L Lewis). Rest I: 1, Captain Rondo (J Llewellyn); 2, Sally Haven (J Tudor); 3, Stabster Park (J W Thomas). Rest II: 1, Stand Firm (J Llewellyn); 2, Midweek Special (G Snell); 3, Red Diamond (G Perkins). Mdn I: 1, Ballykeeran (G Snell); 2, Green Blossom (W Bryan); 3, Royal Masterpiece (M Lay). Mdn II: 1, Golden Bond (R Williams); 2, Island Gold (J Tudor); 3, C C Mole (W Bryant). Mdn III: 1, Dashalong (A James); 2, Andreas Boy (J Tudor); 3, Connolly (T Rooney).

BROCKLESBY: Hunt: 1, Mill's Allegiance (M Dawson); 2, Saucy Tartan (G Turnbull); 3, Ravendale Wager (J R Buckley). Audi Adj: 1, York Imperial (P Gee); 2, True *Dowry (J R Newton); 3, Colonel Heather* (Capt M Watson). Ladies: 1, Sweet Diana (Mrs J Dawson); 2, Flash Reed (Miss S Foster); 3, Redrock (Mrs J Campion). Open: 1, Harlon (B Crawford); 2, Hill Of Stane (J Pickering); 3, Final Word (R Morris). Rest: 1, Maths Wood (C Bealby); 2, Moyspruit (Mrs M Bissell); 3, North Grange (B Crawford). Mdn: 1, Pandor (C Bealby); 2, Ebony Swell (S Campion); 3, Terry's Lad (C Vale).

CUMBERLAND: Hunt: 1, Miss Jo (S Love); 2, Victory Morn (R Hale); 3, Justice Lea (D Swindlehurst). Adj: 1, Kitango (C Kennedy); 2, *Milton Bing (W Hodge);* 3, High Drop (K Barker). Ladies: 1, Warren Bing (Mrs C McClymont); 2, Cop For That (Miss L Eaton); 3, Bantel Bowman (Miss P Robson). Open: 1, Cheerie Chief (G *Robinson); 2, Camionage (A Crow);* 3, Tartevie (Maj M Sample). Rest I: 1, Red David (Capt J Beardsall); 2, Chantrez Les Bas (N Swinbank); 3, Shadenor (D Gatherer). Rest II: 1, Ready Steady (Miss G Smalley); 2, Ashbender (Miss P Robson); 3, Border Minstrel (Miss A Bowie). Mdn I: 1, Jordans Bank (Mrs J Thurlow); 2, Panavista (P Craggs); 3, Linden Bridge (J Wilson). Mdn II: 1, Bellitico (Miss L Collison); 2, Eden Light (W Amos); 3, Nugall Busse (W Hodge).

DUNSTON: Hunt: 1, Mesmerist (Miss A Parker); 2, Orlando Venture (Miss L Hollis). Only 2 ran. Adj: 1, Annadine (N Bloom); 2, Portmadoc (J White); 3, Slave Time (J Fanshawe). Open: 1, Castles-in-the-Air (W Wales); 2, Bee Orchid (W Soames); 3, Sharagain (D Turner). Ladies: 1, High Poppa *(Mrs H Vergette);* 2, Hit Me Again (Miss K Parris); 3, Kilwarden (Miss B Browne). Rest: 1, Bottle Bank (W Wales); 2, Linda's Club (J Fanshawe); 3, Fluid (P Wales). Mdn: 1, Shadid (Miss L Rowe); 2, *What A Lark (N King);* 3, *Easy Street (M* Swinburn).

HAMPSHIRE: Hunt: 1, Bladeley Hill (C Pearson); 2, Two Azure (H Rousse#); 3, Aortic (C Corbett). Rest: 1, Official Dress (M Batters); 2, Calder Bridge (P Roberts); 3, New Pari (G Maundrell). Ladies: 1, Only For Love (Miss A Harwood); 2, Tinahua Angel (Miss P Baker); 3, Loch Rose (Miss S *Wilson). Open:* 1, Hasty Retreat (S Andrews); 2, Roadman (G Maundrell); 3, Granville Park (R Goodall). Adj: 1, Voices Of Spring (A Gudgeon); 2, Malvern Bridge (D Naylor-Leyland); 3, Middle Mark (Mrs J Wickham). Mdn: 1, Dumbleder (P Caudwell); 2, Night Fry (Miss S Pilkington); 3, Diddling Down (Miss A Harwood).

HOLDERNESS: Hunt: 1, Cottage Rhythm (W A Bethell); 2, Etrick (*M Tate*); 3, Powering (Miss A Stockill). Adj: 1, Timbotrim (N F Smith); 2, Wold Song (Mrs T Corrigan-Clark); 3, Bill Of Fare (Mrs J Brown). Open: 1, Powder Horn (H Brown); 2, Kitori (W A Bethell); 3, Comarch (R Tate). Ladies: 1, Willie's Gig (Miss S Horner); 2, Umar (Miss S Easterby); 3, Trumpton (Mrs T Corrigan-Clark). Rest: 1, Courageous Owl (G Musgrave); 2, Rockliffe (R Tate); 3, Slipcap Lady (P J Cornforth). Mdn: 1, Castle Pan (N Jones); 2, Whitley Burn (Mrs R Spense); 3, Moon Gazer (M Roberts).

MID SURREY FARMERS: Hunt: 1, *Four* Poster (K White); 2, Bosh Shot (P Stern); 3, Piccolo Mondo (P Webb). S E Hunts Club: 1, Master Grain (N Wheeler); 2, Grange Valley (P Webb); 3, Old Alex (P Hickman). Adj: 1, *Motor Bike Man (D Robinson);* 2, Grand Cheval (G Wragg); 3, Mark's Methane (P Hacking). Ladies: 1, Compton Boy (Miss S Clements); 2, Mr Attorney (Miss S Belcher); 3, Just A Ghost (Miss S French). Open: 1, Jess Jim (P Hacking); 2, Roxon (N Hacking); 3, Robson (M Davies). Mdn I: 1, Glebe Prince (S McKeavor); 2, Irish Poacher (P Hacking); 3, Vulbeau (Miss J Arthur). Mdn II: 1, Ginger Dip (Miss T Wright); 2, Roman Wood (H Ellison); 3, Flying Jackdaw (Mrs P Reid).

NORTH LEDBURY: Hunt: 1, Lynn's Delight (D Trowe); 2, Camebelle (Miss S Jackson); 3, Patching (A Ulyet). Adj: 1, Sailor's Return (G Hanmer); 2, Star Gazette (H Wheeler); 3, Roderick Anthony (M Sheppard). Open: 1, Kate's Girl (T Stephenson); 2, Kanamnsu (T Jackson); 3, Dingbat (S Grundy). Rest: 1, Creeping Jane (R Harris); 2, Grange Run (T Stephenson); 3, Dark Acre (J Warner). Ladies: 1

FOOTBALL: FATHER FOLLOWS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SON AS THE CLOUGHS REACH THE PENULTIMATE STAGE OF THE FA CUP

The good, bad and the ugly of Fashanu

By Clive White

Wimbledon..... 2
Watford..... 1

The good, the bad and the ugly. There could be no more fitting description of Wimbledon's performance on Saturday. It would not make such a bad epitaph either, except that only a fool would think of killing off Wimbledon just now. And Sam Hammam is no fool.

The Wimbledon chairman said after his team had won an historic place in today's FA semi-final draw that the achievement had prevented him from having to make a very difficult decision about Fashanu, perhaps the day's least improbable match winner.

It is understood that a £1 million deal for the sale of Fashanu to West Ham had been provisionally agreed. Now West Ham, who were rejected by Kerry Dixon last week, will have to wait until the summer before the transaction can go through – if it now goes through at all.

There is so much to adore and abhor about Fashanu. Although not one of the game's natural talents, he is awesomely and awkwardly effective. He is like a cross between Pelé and Ali with a hint of Ben Johnson thrown in. His hybrid qualities make it unnecessary for him to resort to the sort of childish intimidatory tactics that he demonstrated on not a few of the Watford players.

His battle, with McClelland, a worthy adversary, was a fair one which was always likely to hold the key to this tie. McClelland had kept Fashanu under control in four previous meetings and looked like doing so again when, in the 73rd minute, he tried to drive a clearance around Fashanu's ample frame and the ball deflected, allowing the Wimbledon forward to give chase while McClelland stood appealing for handball. With uncommon pace and control, Fashanu strolled away to beat Coton with a fierce shot.

Watford, who have beaten Wimbledon in both League fixtures this season, were in front again after 19 minutes. Too concerned with fending off Blissett with his hand instead of playing the ball, Gayle stumbled and let in the Watford forward for a misplaced cross which Thorn failed to control, allowing Allen to nip in and score.

Two minutes before half-time Gayle over-reacted to a rash challenge from Allen by striking the Welshman in the face. Moments later Neil Midgley, the referee, showed him the red card and Gayle took a walk for the fourth time in the last year, and possibly out of Wimbledon's climax to the season.

But just as Moran's sending off had revitalized Manchester United in the 1985 FA Cup final, so Gayle's inspired Wimbledon. A headed equalizer three minutes after half-time by Young, the substitute, gave their 10 men the belief that anything was possible.

WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; C Goodyear, T Phelan, V Jones, B Gayle, A Thorn, A Cork (sub: E Young), T Gibson, J Fashanu, L Sanchez, D Wise.

WATFORD: A Coton; N Gibbs, W Rostron, J McClelland, M Morris, G Porter, K Jackett, W Sterling (sub: I Roberts), L Blissett, M Allen, G Hodges.
Referee: N Midgley.

On the silky way to Wembley

By David Miller

Arsenal..... 1
Nottingham Forest..... 2

There are fewer than a dozen players in the first division who know how properly to weight a pass and one of them is an ageing Argentinian. On Saturday the young Nigel Clough, who may yet lead England's senior team, gave his father the pleasure of reaching his first FA Cup semi-final in 35 years as player and manager with two silken passes worthy of Tostao, the centre forward of the Brazilian team which won the World Cup in 1970.

Forest advance worthily. There are elements in their neat, fluid team which remind me of Billy Walker's winning team of 1959. Fortunately for me, our former Football Correspondent was repeatedly drawn by the magnetism of Norwich City from the third division, as they successively overcame Manchester United, Cardiff City, Tottenham Hotspur and Sheffield United, so that as a cub reporter I was able to follow the fortunes of Burkitt and Whitefoot, that marvellous pair of half backs behind Baily, Gray, Dwight, Quigley and Imlach. We had a small staff in those days.

Yet there was more than Clough's two sweet touches behind Arsenal's defeat in a tie they no doubt expected to win. There must be a question against both their tactics and selection on an afternoon when they were beaten effectively by 10 men. Little Crosby, who recently bobbed to the surface from non-League football with Grantham, could not justify his manager's confidence in him and was mostly outclassed.

In the first 10 minutes of the match, the ball must have been headed, in and around Forest's penalty area, some 30 times. However, the tall Foster at the heart of Forest's defence was not to be intimidated and with Sutton displaying safe hands behind him, Arsenal's approach was soon seen to be inappropriate.

With 25 minutes gone, Arsenal had been unable to force a serious save from Sutton and there was growing feeling that Forest, with their swift defensive covering directed by Walker, were going to repeat their Christmas victory at Highbury and deny Arsenal, the Littlewoods Cup finalists, the chance of a double visit to Wembley.

Arsenal's problem increased the moment O'Leary, having made a return after a tendon injury, was obliged to limp off in the 37th minute. (O'Leary will miss the Republic of Ireland's match with Romania on Wednesday week). Neither of George Graham's substitutes was a central defender, so Thomas had to switch into the back line from midfield, where he was replaced by Davis.

It was only six minutes later that Thomas failed to cut out a long ball through the middle. With his back to goal, Clough laid the ball first time in the path of Wilkinson. No one, least of all Lukic, Arsenal's goalkeeper, could have expected Wilkinson's instant, lethal shot from 25 yards which flew into the left-hand corner.

Arsenal threw everything they had at Forest after the interval, but what they had was not enough. Sutton saved from Hayes and Forest should have scored again when Crosby, away alone, delayed until tackled by Winterburn.

With just over a quarter of an hour to go, Clough, from a midfield position, caught Arsenal pushing forward with a splendidly flighted pass through the middle, like Maradona's to Burruchaga. Rice was clear with only Lukic to beat and had the presence of mind to chip as Lukic advanced. The goalkeeper's touch could not halt the ball's path.

Close to the end Rocastle gave Arsenal false hope: 2-1. Sutton snuffed out a shot by Smith and Forest were there. The result should have taught Adams, Arsenal's young captain, upon whom England will probably lean in the summer, that he still has much to learn.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; N Winterburn, K Sansom, M Thomas, D O'Leary (sub: P Davis), A Adams, D Rocastle, M Hayes, A Smith, P Groves, K Richardson.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S Sutton; P Chettle, S Pearce, D Walker, C Foster, T Wilson, G Crosby, N Webb, N Clough, P Wilkinson, B Rice.
Referee: D Scott.



On the mark: Stein celebrates with Johnson after scoring Luton's second goal against Portsmouth (Photograph: Jim Steele)

More power to Luton's elbow

By Nicholas Harling

Luton Town..... 3
Portsmouth..... 1

The secret of how to play on an artificial surface was something Steve Foster refused to divulge when he went on television on Saturday lunchtime to discuss Luton's FA Cup prospects.

What Foster might have said as a warning to Portsmouth was "make sure you don't go around hitting anyone, least of all me, otherwise your chances will be minimal."

Quinn made the crucial mistake shortly after half-time and with his subsequent dismissal went Portsmouth's chances of forcing a replay of the quarter-final. His club's tarnished image was further impaired by the sight of Alan Ball hurling his flat cap to the ground after he had been booked for remonstrating with the official, John Key. For once it was easy to sympathize with Ball who wanted to know why the referee had given a free kick to Portsmouth before changing his mind on observing Foster "writhing on the ground." Foster had overdone the impersonation of a man hit by a Bedford truck. "Bless him. Foster, with his fractured cheekbone," Ball said.

Luton had struggled for 40 minutes against 10 men before putting Portsmouth out of their misery with a characteristic header, from Harford, who had created the openings for both the first goal from Wilson and the second from Mark Stein.

Connor's cross- shot that enabled Quinn to touch in Portsmouth's goal, might well have been the start of something better had Quinn continued to let his feet, rather than his elbows, make the greater impact.

LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; T Breacker, A Grimes, D McDonough, S Foster, M Donaghy, D Wilson, R Johnson, M Harford, M Stein, I Allinson.
PORTSMOUTH: A Knight; W Gilbert, P Hardyman (sub: P Mariner), K Dillon, N Blake, K Ball, B Horne, M Fillery, T Connor, M Quinn, V Hilaire.
Referee: J Key.

Wilkinson's loss is no laughing matter

By Ian Ross

Manchester United..... 4
Sheffield Wednesday... 1

It was perhaps understandable that Howard Wilkinson's sense of humour deserted him at Old Trafford on Saturday, as the Sheffield Wednesday manager mulled over a fifth consecutive League defeat and anxiously awaited news of his centre back, Pearson, who had been dispatched to a local hospital with a shattered right ankle.

Wednesday's season has gone awry since their FA Cup exit at the hands of Everton and while still comfortably placed in the first division they could yet find themselves in difficulties. They would do well to remember that better sides have been relegated in the past.

Manchester United performed well – no mean feat on a pitch which was a disgrace. Wednesday's resistance crumbled after just 87 seconds when Blackmore drove the ball home following a corner.

Five minutes later Hodge was deceived by a Strachan shot and McClair pounced to score at the far post, then added a third seven minutes after the interval when he headed in Gibson's cross.

After Chapman reduced the arrears, Davenport gained his reward for an afternoon of prolonged endeavour by scoring United's fourth goal.

MANCHESTER UNITED: C Turner; C Blackmore, C Gibson, S Bruce, M Duxbury, G Hogg, B Robson, G Strachan, B McClair, P Davenport, J Olsen (sub: L O'Brien).
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: M Hodge; M Sterland, N Worthington, L Madden, N Pearson (sub: G Fee), M Proctor, M Chamberlain, G Megson, L Chapman, D Hirst, S Jonsson.
Referee: F Roberts.

Linfield taken to replay

By George Ace

While Glentoran sweep aside opponents – Newry Town were their latest victims in an Irish Cup quarter-final game at the weekend – Glentoran's rivals, Linfield, huffed and puffed their way to another replay.

Trailing Glentoran by four points in the League, Linfield, champions for the past six seasons, only managed a 1-1 draw with Portadown at Windsor Park and now face a replay on Wednesday night before a League game on Saturday against Coleraine at home.

Distillery forced a replay at New Grosvenor after holding Ballymena United to a goalless draw. And Billy Drake, of Gleanavon, scored the winning goal at Mournview Park where Ards lost 2-1.

Clark provides the carnival

By Andrew Longmore

England Under-15..... 2
Brazil Under-15..... 0

"It's carnival time," proclaimed a T-shirt worn by one of a small group of Brazilian supporters at Wembley on Saturday. Well, so it was. But not for the Brazilians, who were led a merry dance by the England captain, Lee Clark, a stocky son of Tyneside.

Indeed, so often did Clark's powerful runs leave defenders trailing in his wake, by the end the boys from Brazil must have wondered if this was a new version of the conga. At times, it was that processional.

Physically and technically, Clark is a year ahead of the Brazilians. He is strong, has good vision and is not frightened to break into the penalty area with the ball. Only the pressure of leaving his best form on the school playing fields of the North-east – he will play about 75 games this season – and of others' expectations, will stop him coming back to Wembley again.

But he is not a character likely to get carried away, even by a good-luck telegram sent to him on Saturday by the former Newcastle United forward, Peter Beardsley. Clark turned down an opportunity to go to the FA School at Lilleshall because he wanted to stay in the North-east.

Although it was their first game of a three-week tour, the Brazilians showed little pace or invention in attack. Marques and Moises showed touches, without having the physical strength to make them tell, and only the belated appearance of Alexandre Henrique quickened the tempo.

By then England had established a two-goal lead, the lanky Mulrain heading home the first in the twelfth minute, and Clark, after beating three defenders and being brought down by a fourth, tapping home the penalty with nonchalance early in the second half.

The lively McDonough and the impressive Stewart had two gilt-edged chances in the space of three minutes but blasted over from six yards, marring an otherwise compact and skilful performance by the England schoolboys in front of an ecstatic crowd of just under 55,000.

Half an hour after the end of the game, Clark was still shaking his head in wonder at his first taste of Wembley. "The atmosphere, the surface, the crowd everything wants to make me come back. This is it."

ENGLAND: S Sheppard; D Hancock, R Price, P Reed, P Burton, L Clark, D Christian (sub: A Davies), G Ellicroft, S Mulrain (sub: O Morah), M McDonough, M Stewart.

BRAZIL: Gaucho; Alberto, Everaldo, Rene, Alexandre, Emerson (sub: A Henrique), E Luiz, Moises, Marques, Luciano (sub: Marins).
Referee: J Thompson.

Two teams with but a single thought

By David Powell

Aston Villa..... 1
Leeds United..... 2

As the cameras panned round Luton and Wimbledon at half-time on Saturday, the second division seemed a better place to be than the FA Cup quarter-finals.

Here were two teams performing as if conscious that the first division is poorer without them and doing so in a vast stadium which made the clips of Kenilworth Road and Plough Lane look like adverts for Legoland.

Villa Park will surely have a higher station next season – Graham Taylor and his players have enough away games remaining to be confident of that – and this result will heighten expectation at Elland Road, another ground where Europe's finest once fell.

Leeds, as they used to be, were almost impregnable in defence; Villa scored late only because Swan had the kind of mad moment that Sprake was prone to. McInally, a substitute, took advantage of it. Villa were mainly restricted to shooting from a distance.

Leeds, having taken a 2-0 interval lead, had no need in the second half to employ any other policy than one of containment. Anyone who missed either Leeds' goal should not feel short changed. The second was a carbon copy of the first, except for the identity of the scorer.

Snodin's corner was flicked on by Pearson at the near post and Swan stole in with a header for 1-0. For 2-0, read Taylor instead of Swan.

Villa needed to get their skates on to retain the mathematical possibility of winning as many League matches at home this season as they have won away but it is thought the introduction to the crowd at half-time of Wilf O'Reilly was purely coincidental.

While Villa's results were going downhill, O'Reilly, a former Villa groundsman, was winning in Calgary two winter Olympic demonstration short track speed skating events.

No doubt O'Reilly knows all about picking himself up off the floor, as does the Villa manager. Taylor carried a smile into the Press room 20 minutes after the game and made his point: "Part and parcel of winning promotion is knowing how to lose."

ASTON VILLA: N Spink; K Gage, B Gallacher, A Gray, A Evans, M Kegham, P Birch (sub: A McInally), A Daley, G Thompson, S Gray, D Platt.
LEEDS UNITED: M Day; G Williams, P Haddock, M Aizlewood (sub: D Rennie), J Ashurst, P Swan, D Batty, R Taylor, I Baird, J Pearson, G Snodin.
Referee: R Groves.

Digweed the local hero

By Dennis Sigay

Chelsea..... 0
Everton..... 0

The arrival of Perry Digweed on loan until the end of the season from Brighton has not attracted the same attention as the speculation about the future of John Hollins as Chelsea manager or the mooted transfer of Kerry Dixon.

While Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, hogged the limelight before the game with a well-publicized television appearance, Digweed emerged as the unlikely focal point of Chelsea's sixth drawn game out of the last seven at Stamford Bridge.

When Sharp unleashed a fearsome volley after an hour Digweed, who lives 200 yards from the Chelsea ground, became an instant local hero by keeping out the shot with the side of his head.

This was a marked contrast to the jittery first-half performance that evoked ironic roars of approval when he held the simplest of catches.

Although the champions dominated, they rarely got behind Wicks, making his first appearance for six months after a serious back injury, and his colleagues.

Everton, the superior side despite the absence of Reid, Ratcliffe, and Snodin, moved into third place in Liverpool's wake. And Chelsea will welcome the return of Durie next week after a knee injury. "The spirit is good," Hollins reported, emphasizing he is still in charge but refusing to discuss his future.

CHELSEA: P Digweed; S Clarke, A Dorigo, C Pates, G Wicks, D Wood, P Nevin, M Hazard, K Dixon, K Wilson, J Bumstead.
EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, N Pointon, P Van den Hauwe, D Watson, A Harper, T Steven, W Clarke, G Sharp, P Power, K Sheedy.
Referee: K Cooper.

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Cup
Sixth round

Arsenal	1	Nottm For	2
Luton	3	Portsmth	1
Wimbledon	2	Watford	1

Yesterday

MAN CITY (0) 44,047	0	LVERPOOL (1) Houghton, Beardsley (pen), Johnston, Barnes	4

Barclays League
First division

Charlton	3	West Ham	0
Chelsea	0	Everton	0
Man Utd	4	Sheff Wed	1
Southampto	1	Coventry	2
Tottenhm	1	Norwich	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	28	22	6	0	66	12	72
Man Utd	31	16	10	5	48	30	58
Everton	30	15	8	7	41	18	53
Nottm For	27	15	7	5	51	24	52
Arsenal	29	15	6	8	45	27	51
QPR	29	13	7	9	33	31	46
Wimbledon	29	12	9	8	42	32	45
Tottenham	33	11	9	13	34	38	42
Luton	27	11	5	11	40	34	38
Southmptn	31	9	10	12	38	43	37
Newcastle	29	9	10	10	35	41	37
Sheff Wed	31	11	4	16	35	53	37
Norwich	30	10	6	14	30	35	36
Coventry	29	9	9	11	33	43	36
West Ham	30	7	12	11	30	40	33
Chelsea	31	8	9	14	38	53	33
Derby Cnty	29	7	9	13	24	33	30
Portsmth	29	6	12	11	27	46	30
Charlton	31	6	10	15	31	47	28
Oxford	28	6	8	14	33	54	26
Watford	29	5	8	16	18	38	23

GM Vauxhall Conference

Barnet	2	Macclsfld	1
Cheltnhm	1	Kettering	2
Dagenham	1	Enfield	2
Kidminstr	3	Lincoln	3
Runcorn	3	Maidstone	2
Stafford	0	Weymouth	0
Sutton U	3	Bath	1
Wkfstone	0	Altrncham	0
Welling	3	Boston	1
Wycombe	1	Nrthwich	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	32	20	8	4	77	34	68
Lincoln	30	19	6	5	63	35	63
Kettering	32	17	7	8	50	34	58
Kidderminstr	33	16	9	8	62	53	57
Stafford R	31	15	9	7	53	37	54
Telford	31	15	7	9	50	36	52
Sutton Utd	31	13	12	6	56	35	51
Runcorn	30	13	9	8	42	36	48
Weymouth	28	14	5	9	37	23	47
Macclesfld	29	13	6	10	44	40	45
Enfield	32	12	7	13	53	59	43
Maidstone	29	11	7	11	56	49	40
Cheltnhm	32	9	13	10	49	52	40
Boston	32	10	6	16	42	51	36
Fisher Ath	31	8	11	12	33	40	35
Altrncham	31	9	8	14	36	45	35
Wycombe	34	8	10	16	41	68	34
Welling Utd	29	8	8	17	37	51	28
Northwich	28	6	10	12	27	42	28
Bath	30	5	8	17	34	56	23
Wealdstne	31	3	14	14	24	50	23
Dagenham	34	5	6	23	33	73	21

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Fourth round replay: Telford 0, Morecambe 2.

ESFA UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL: England 2, Brazil 0.

BASS IRISH CUP: Second round: Ballymena 0, Distillery 0; Glenavon 2, Ards 1; Glentoran 5, Newry 0; Linfield 1, Portadown 1.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Portsmouth 1, Luton 2; Watford 1, Brighton 1; West Ham 2, Oxford United 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 2, Thackley 3; Grimethorpe MW 1, Dinnsby 0; Guiseley 3, Brigg 0; Hallam 0, Long Eaton 1; Harrogate Railway 0, Bridlington Town 0; Hatfield Main 3, Ossett Albion 0; Pontefract Collieries 3, Belper 1. League Cup: Second round, second replay: North Ferriby 1, Rowntree Macintosh 3.

Second division

Aston Villa	1	Leeds	2
Barnsley	1	Leicester	1
Blackburn	3	Bournmth	1
Bradford	4	West Brom	1
Ipswich	2	Hull	0
Middlesbro	2	Huddrsfld	0
Millwall	1	C Palace	1
Oldham	4	Swindon	3
Plymouth	3	Stoke	0
Reading	1	Birmingham	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	36	19	10	7	61	35	67
Blackburn	35	19	10	6	54	35	67
Middlesbro	35	17	10	8	46	27	61
Bradford	34	18	7	9	55	42	61
Millwall	36	18	7	11	55	42	61
Crystal Pal	35	18	5	12	71	52	59
Leeds Utd	36	16	9	11	51	46	57
Man City	35	16	6	13	66	47	54
Ipswich	35	15	7	13	46	38	52
Stoke	35	14	8	13	41	44	50
Hull	34	13	10	11	45	48	49
Barnsley	33	13	7	13	49	44	46
Swindon	31	13	6	12	56	44	45
Plymouth	33	13	6	14	53	52	45
Oldham	34	12	8	14	48	52	44
Leicester	34	11	8	15	44	47	41
Birmingham	35	10	11	14	35	53	41
Shrewsbry	35	8	12	15	31	44	36
WBA	35	10	6	20	38	59	36
Sheff Utd	35	10	6	19	36	57	36
Bournemth	34	9	8	17	48	56	35
Reading	34	8	8	18	38	58	32
Huddersfld	34	5	9	20	34	77	24

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor Regis 1, Kingstonian 0; Croydon 1, Carshalton 0; Dulwich 1, St Albans 0; Hendon 1, Wokingham 1; Hitchin 1, Leytonstone-Ilford 2; Slough 1, Leyton-Wingate 1; Tooting and Mitcham 0, Bishop's Stortford 1; Yeovil 2, Hayes 0. First division: Basildon 0, Kingsbury 0; Boreham Wood 2, Leatherhead 0; Bracknell 2, Wolverton 0; Oxford City 0, Walton and Hersham 0; Walthamstow 2, Lewes 4; Woking 1, Stevenage 1; Worthing 0, Grays 3. Second division north: Berkhamsted 1, Hornchurch 0; Clapton 1, Tring 0; Haringey 0, Tilbury 2; Harlow 4, Letchworth GC 2; Hemel Hempstead 0, Collier Row 0; Hertford 1, Witham 5; Saffron Walden 0, Aveley 0; Vauxhall Motors 0, Heybridge 2; Ware 1, Finchley 0. Second division south: Banstead 4, Camberley 1; Chertsey 1, Feltham 0; Egham 0, Southall 1; Epsom and Ewell 0, Eastbourne United 1; Horsham 1, Hungerford 3; Maidenhead United 1, Yeading 2; Metropolitan Police 2, Harefield 0; Molesey 0, Dorking 0; Ruislip Manor 0, Chalfont St Peter 1; Whyteleafe 1, Petersfield 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 3, Willenhall 0; Burton 2, Worcester 3; Cambridge City 1, Gosport 1; Crawley 1, Alvechurch 2; Dartford 1, Corby 0; Fareham 3, Chelmsford 1; Leicester United 1, Ashford 2; Redditch 1, Dorchester 2; Shepshed 2, Bromsgrove 1; VS Rugby 1, Nuneaton 2. Midland division: Banbury 0, Bridgnorth 2; Bilston 1, Halesowen 4; Buckingham 2, Hednesford 1; Coventry Sporting 0, Merthyr Tydfil 1; Gloucester 4, Atherstone 1; King's Lynn 2, Dudley 0; Mile Oak 1, Paget Rangers 2; Moor Green 0, Rushden 1; Stourbridge 0, Sutton Coldfield 2; Trowbridge 0, Grantham 2; Wellingborough 2, Forest Green 2. Southern division: Baldock 1, Salisbury 1; Canterbury 1, Dunstable 2; Chatham 2, Andover 3; Corinthian 2, Waterlooville 2; Erith and Belvedere 1, Dover 1; Folkestone 1, Burnham 1; Hastings 1, Hounslow 0; Poole 3, Thanet 2; Sheppey 2, Bury 2; Tonbridge 0, Gravesend and Northfleet 0.

Third division

Blackpool	3	Aldershot	2
Brentford	0	Bury	3
Brighton	2	Walsall	1
Bristol R	2	Gillingham	0
Grimsby	1	Chesterfld	1
Mansfield	1	Notts Co	1
Port Vale	3	Preston	2
Wigan	2	Sunderld	2
York	1	Fulham	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts Cnty	37	20	11	6	71	39	71
Sunderland	38	20	11	5	70	39	71
Walsall	38	18	12	8	57	41	66
Wigan	35	18	9	8	59	74	63
Northmptn	37	15	15	7	54	34	60
Brighton	35	16	12	7	51	40	60
Brentford	36	15	8	13	43	47	53
Bristol City	35	14	10	11	53	57	52
Fulham	36	14	8	14	53	51	50
Gillingham	37	12	14	11	68	51	50
Bury	37	12	12	13	53	51	48
Blackpool	34	12	11	11	55	47	47
Mansfield	33	12	10	11	40	35	46
Port Vale	33	13	7	13	42	42	46
Preston	37	11	12	14	38	47	45
Aldershot	34	13	4	17	56	63	43
Bristol R	34	11	9	14	47	51	42
Rotherham	36	9	15	12	43	50	42
Chester	36	10	12	14	42	55	42
Grimsby	37	10	10	17	42	49	40
Chesterfld	36	10	9	17	31	56	39
Southend	37	8	13	16	47	71	37
Doncaster	36	7	8	21	32	63	29
York	36	4	8	24	38	75	20

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: AFC Cardiff 1, Barry 0; Blaenrhondda 0, Port Talbot 3; Brecon 1, Pembroke 3; Briton Ferry 1, Maesteg 1; Caerleon 2, Haverfordwest 1; Milford 1, Cwmbran 2; Ton Pentre 1, Pontllanfraith 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 2, Weston-super-Mare 1; Bristol City 5, Paulton 1; Dawlish 4, Chippenham 0; Exmouth 1, Redstock 2; Liskeard 2, Frome 0; Minehead 1, Melksham 1; Saltash 2, Clevedon 0; Swanage and Herston 2, Plymouth Argyle 1; Taunton 1, Bideford 0; Torrington 1, Bristol Manor Farm 0. League Cup: Quarter-final: Mangotsfield 3, Larkhall 2.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon 2, South Bank 2; Ferryhill 2, Billingham Synthonia 2; Gretna 2, Chester-le-Street 0; Newcastle Blue Star 1, Tow Law 2; North Shields 2, Blyth 2; Whitley Bay 2, Consett 1. Postponed: Guisborough v Whitby.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Kirkby 1, Ellesmere Port and Neston 3; Leyland Motors 1, Formby 1; Salford 0, Colne Dynamos 1; Skelmersdale 0, Burscough 1. Postponed: Glossop v Prescot Cables. Raab Karcher Cup: Warrington 3, St Helens 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge 1, West Ham 0; Gillingham 1, Fulham 1; Millwall 1, Ipswich 4; Portsmouth 0, Leyton Orient 2; Queen's Park Rangers 2, Norwich 0; Southend 4, Charlton 1; Tottenham 1, Arsenal 0; Watford 2, Chelsea 2. Second division: Bristol Rovers 1, Northampton 1; Crystal Palace 0, Wimbledon 1; Oxford 3, Brentford 2; Reading 1, Brighton 1; Swindon 2, Tottenham 2.

DERBYSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Semi-finals: Borrowash Victoria 0, Alfreton 4; Gresley Rovers 6, Buxton 2.

GUINNESS DURHAM CUP: Semi-final: Bishop Auckland 3, Spennymoor 2 (aet). Semi-final replay: Crook 1, Easington Colliery 2 (aet).

Fourth division

Exeter City	1	Scarboro	0
Halifax	2	Scunthorpe	2
Hartlpool	2	Burnley	1
Leyton O	0	Colchester	0
Newport	0	Cambridge	0
Peterboro	0	Stockport	0
Rochdale	0	Tranmere	0
Wolves	3	Carlisle	1
Wrexham	1	Swansea	2

Yesterday

HEREFORD (1) 3,210	1	CARDIFF (1) Gilligan Bartlett	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	36	20	8	8	60	33	68
Cardiff	35	17	11	7	49	34	62
Bolton	35	17	8	10	48	35	59
Scunthorpe	35	15	12	8	63	44	57
Torquay	33	16	9	8	53	37	57
Burnley	36	17	6	13	46	47	57
Leyton O	36	15	11	10	67	50	56
Hartlepool	36	14	13	9	44	38	55
Swansea	36	15	9	12	53	45	54
Darlington	34	15	8	11	57	46	53
Scarboro	36	14	10	12	45	38	52
Colchester	35	15	7	13	41	36	52
Cambridge	35	14	7	14	40	42	49
Peterboro	35	13	8	14	36	48	47
Crewe	35	11	13	11	49	44	46
Tranmere	36	14	5	17	44	43	45
Halifax	35	11	10	14	40	44	42
Hereford	36	11	9	16	33	47	42
Wrexham	35	12	5	18	43	49	41
Exeter	35	10	9	17	42	52	39
Rochdale	37	8	13	16	36	65	37
Stockport	36	9	12	15	33	46	36
Carlisle	34	9	6	19	46	67	33
Newport	35	5	7	23	29	68	22

● Tranmere deducted two points and Halifax one point by League.

LANCASHIRE ATS TROPHY: Semi-finals: Chorley 1, Marine 2. Postponed: Accrington Stanley v Morecambe.

ANEATPRINT MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-finals: Harrow 0, Wembley 0; Uxbridge 0, Staines 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 2, Bangor City 3; Caernarfon 3, Workington 0; Frickley 3, Goole 3; Gainsborough 0, Rhyl 1; Matlock 2, Hyde 3; Mossley 1, South Liverpool 0; Witton 0, Horwich 1. First division: Fleetwood 2, Congleton Town 1; Lancaster City 1, Sutton Town 0; Netherfield 0, Eastwood Town 2; Stalybridge 2, Penrith 0. Postponed: Droylsden v Harrogate; Eastwood Hanley v Farsley; Irlam v Winsford; Radcliffe v Leek.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Betis 3, Celta 1; Barcelona 2, Logrones 1; Real Murcia 0, Real Mallorca 0; Real Sociedad 1, Sabadell 0; Real Valladolid 0, Atlético Madrid 0; Real Madrid 5, Athletic Bilbao 0; Sporting 2, Valencia 2; Real Zaragoza 1, Español 1; Osasuna 1, Seville 3. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, played 28, 46pts; 2, Real Sociedad, 27, 39; 3, Atlético Madrid, 28, 37.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians 1, Bray Wanderers 0; Derry City 3, Limerick City 2; Galway United 2, St Patrick's Athletic 2; Shelbourne 1, Cork City 1; Sligo Rovers 0, Dundalk 0; Waterford United 0, Shamrock Rovers 2. Leading positions: 1, Dundalk, played 27, 38pts; 2, Shamrock Rovers, 27, 36; 3, St Patrick's and Bohemians, 27, 35.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Avellino 1, Juventus 0; Casena 2, Sampdoria 0; Como 0, Roma 1; Empoli 0, Napoli 0; Internazionale 2, Pisa 1; Pescara 1, Fiorentina 1; Torino 1, Milan 1; Verona 2, Ascoli 1. Leading positions: 1, Napoli, played 22, 36pts; 2, Milan, 22, 32; 3, Roma, 22, 31.

Scottish Cup
Fifth round

Aberdeen	5	Clyde	0
Dundee	0	Dundee Utd	0
Hearts	3	Dunfermline	0
Partick	0	Celtic	3

Fine Fare Scottish League
Premier division

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CRICKET: TIGHT BOWLING, TIGERISH FIELDING AND POSITIVE BATTING

England's distinction in undistinguished match

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Christchurch

Those whose constant consolation during a numbing Test series was the prospect of more excitement in the limited-overs games have been rudely disillusioned. It is difficult to recall a more undistinguished international than the one seen here on Saturday.

England went 2-0 up in the four-match programme, winning by six wickets and with even more in hand than they had in the first game at Dunedin. New Zealand were dreadful and there is no cause to suspect that they can prevent England completing a clean sweep.

Against such powerless opposition, England could do no more than win in a canter. But, to their credit, they have played well enough to confirm, even under strength, that they are a very efficient unit at the overs game, bowling tightly, fielding tigerishly and batting positively.

It must in honesty be added that the biggest crowd seen anywhere on this tour was making its own entertainment very early in the day and thousands had left long before the end.

The first hour of England's innings was bizarre. One was tempted to believe the teams were performing a parody, reducing the game to slapstick. As the bowlers served up a diet of full tosses, the batsmen gaily slogged the ball straight to fielders, who treated each catch as if they were being thrown a hot potato.

A recent Test captain emerged from the television commentary box, threw back his head and muttered that it was like watching Old Reptonians, which I thought something of an insult to a decent old boys' team.

It was never likely to be much of a game once New Zealand, put in to bat, had mustered only 186 for eight in 45 overs. On a perfectly good pitch that was 40 runs short of a challenging score. England's bowling was competent, especially Capel with the new ball, but New Zealand were in trouble after losing two early wickets and in prison once two more had gone to poor running.

Kuggeleijn, a combative newcomer, put on 63 with Bracewell and 41 runs came from the last five overs, which at least had the virtue of making England attack.

Broad's innings was extraordinary. It was as if he had grown tired of his usual circumspect identity and elected to take on someone else's for the day. Charging down the pitch to swing at good-length balls, he was dropped on seven, 31 and 47, failed to find his timing at any stage and yet was given man of the match award — the greatest possible indictment of the game.

The tactics were partly preplanned to disturb Chatfield and will be seen as a success, Chatfield bowling nowhere near as tidily as in the first game. But with four catches going down, New Zealand were never in a position to compete and Fairbrother ended the formalities with 13 balls to spare.

New Zealand's reaction was to replace Reid and Bracewell with Vance and Morrison for the third game in Napier on Wednesday. Hadlee is still not fit, although he hopes to play in the final match of the series.

SCOREBOARD FROM CHRISTCHURCH

England won toss

NEW ZEALAND

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
R B Reid c Broad b Capel	8	1	3	113	73
*J G Wright c DeFreitas b Emburey	43	–	1	23	26
M D Crowe c French b DeFreitas	2	–	–	6	5
M J Greatbatch run out (Jarvis)	15	–	1	41	30
K R Rutherford run out (Gatting)	5	–	–	22	14
C M Kuggeleijn b Emburey	40	1	2	71	64
J G Bracewell run out (Broad)	43	–	4	69	49
†I D S Smith c Fairbrother b Emburey	19	–	3	17	11
M C Snedden not out	1	–	–	9	1
W Watson not out	2	–	–	3	1
Extras (lb 5, w 3)	8				
Total (8 wkts, 45 overs)	186				

E J Chatfield did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-25, 3-53, 4-68, 5-86, 6-149, 7-183, 8-183.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 9-0-53-1 (w 2); Capel 9-3-27-1; Jarvis 9-0-33-0; Radford 9-0-30-0 (w 1); Emburey 9-1-38-3.

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
B C Broad c Rutherford b Snedden	56	1	3	103	79
M D Moxon c Kuggeleijn b Watson	17	–	1	32	20
R T Robinson c Chatfield b Rutherford	44	–	4	109	89
*M W Gatting b Watson	33	–	3	50	42
N H Fairbrother not out	25	–	3	37	31
D J Capel not out	6	–	–	25	20
Extras (lb 4, w 3)	7				
Total (4 wkts, 42.5 overs)	188				

J E Emburey, P A J DeFreitas, †B N French, P W Jarvis and N V Radford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-112, 3-151, 4-167.

BOWLING: Watson 9-1-31-2; Chatfield 7-0-32-0; Bracewell 5-0-28-0; Snedden 9-0-33-1; Kuggeleijn 6-0-31-0 (w 2); Rutherford 6.5-0-29-1 (w 1).

Man of the Match: B C Broad.

Umpires: B L Aldridge and G C Morris.

Hadlee wins a recall

Wellington (AFP) — New Zealand have recalled the all-rounder, Richard Hadlee, for the United Arab Emirates tournament from March 25 to April 1 against India and Sri Lanka.

Hadlee, aged 36, broke down with a hamstring injury during the first Test against England last month and failed to get his world record Test wicket. The Kenyan-born all-rounder, Dipak Patel, was also recalled. He lost his place at the end of New Zealand's Australian tour earlier this year.

However, Martin Crowe was unavailable as his brother, Jeff, the former New Zealand captain, is getting married next month. The Test bowlers, Martin Snedden and John Bracewell, are also unable to travel.

New Zealand can still muster an experienced squad, and all 13 players have represented their country in either Test matches or one-day internationals.

SQUAD: J G Wright (capt), R J Hadlee (vice-capt), T E Blain, E J Chatfield, M J Greatbatch, A H Jones, C Kuggeleijn, D Morrison, D N Patel, K R Rutherford, I D S Smith, R H Vance, W Watson.

HOCKEY

Blakedown



Sticky moment as Southgate attacker comes under pressure (Photograph: Paul Lovelace)

HORSE TRIALS

Greens make it a family triumph

By Gillian Newsum

Lucinda and David Green made it a family affair at Crookham Horse Trials, near Aldershot, yesterday by winning the two open-intermediate sections.

Mrs Green, who took a clear lead after the dressage, won her section on Mins Lincoln, on whom she triumphed at the Chatsworth three-day event last October. The nine-year-old, owned by Mrs J M Dobbie and S R International, is her main hope for a place on Britain's Olympic team this year.

Robert Lemieux rode a fast cross-country round to finish second on The Poser, but Ginny Leng's challenge was thwarted when Beneficial became over-excited during the dressage.

Mrs Green's former mount, Shannagh, which she rode at the European Championships in Lumuhlen, West Germany, last year, won the second open-intermediate section for her husband David. Shannagh is being ridden by Green this season as a back-up for his top horse, Ayres Rock, on whom he hopes to represent Australia at the Olympic Games in September.

Green won his section by two points from Leslie Law, on Sam Barr's Welton Apollo. In third place was Tiny Clapham on Mr and Mrs Peter Osborne's Ricki Bee, which she is aiming to ride at Badminton in May.

Green is unlikely to compete at Badminton because the Australian selection committee has advised him not to run his horses there. Instead, he will take Shannagh to the French three-day event in Saumur at the end of April, and Ayres Rock will be entered for Punchestown.

The New Zealander, Mark Todd, had a good round in the open-intermediate Section F, to finish third on Peppermint Park, and was also third in one of the intermediate classes on Thom Thumb.

RESULTS: Intermediate Section A: 1, Fitness Finn (D. Hughes) 42 pts; 2, Solitaire II (W. Fox-Pitt) 43; 3, Thom Thumb (M. Todd) 43; 4, The Lynx (K. Holmes) 45; 5, Lionheart II (S. Preston) 50; 6, Setanta (A. Cates) 51. Section B: 1, Night Watch (R. Hunt) 41; 2, Smashing Imp (W. Whines) 51; 3, Art Decade (E. Duvander) 53; 4, The Pope (R. Burns) 54; 5, Hot Pollo II (V. Watts) 59; 6, Highland Road (P. Lyon) 59. Section C: 1, State Patrol (S. Trownson) 54; 2, Patches of Light (R. Lord) 54; 3, Just Joe (M. Rimell) 59; 4, Garmon Cerise (S. Attfield) 60; 5, Anonymous Boy (M. Seales) 61; 6, Pitchblend (R. Bell) 62. Section D: 1, Fair Isle (J. Dunn) 48; 2, Hello Henry (S. Kellard) 49; 3, Noble Lady (D. Adcock) 54; 4, Baily Hack (V. Lang) 55; 5, Ashton Minder (A. Gray) 59; 6, Sporting Spirit (L. Thompson) 60. Open-intermediate Section E: 1, Shannagh (D. Green) 41; 2, Welton Hollow (L. Law) 43; 3, Ricki Bee (T. Clapham) 43; 4, Lynette II (L. Taylor) 44; 5, Night Flight III (L. Law) 47; 6, Horton Point (R. Bevan) 50. Section F: 1, Mins Lincoln (L. Green) 35; 2, The Poser (R. Lemieux) 40; 3, Cappamore (L. Law) 41; 4, Peppermint Park (M. Todd) 42; 5, Mera Mera (E. Duvander) 45; 6, The Artful Dodger (C. Mason) 45.

Sloothaak has ended run of Whitaker pair

Dortmund — Franke Sloothaak, of West Germany, won the Volvo World Cup qualifier on Aramis by completing the only clear round in a second jump-off.

John Whitaker, the winner with Next Milton of the West German Grand Prix earlier in the show, incurred 12 faults on Clonee Temple in the second jump-off. His brother Michael, who took the show championship on Saturday night with Cogshall Spot On, went out in the first round after forcing the first element of the double with Next Tees Hanauer.

The other members of the British squad also parted from contention during the first round, although Malcolm Pyrah and Liz Edgar, along with Whitaker Junior, did gain one extra World Cup point.

VOLLEYBALL

Malory rise to occasion

By Roddy Mackenzie

Malory added the Royal Bank English Men's Knock Out Cup to their growing collection of honours by outclassing Liverpool City 15-0, 16-14, 15-7 in a one-sided final at Crystal Palace yesterday.

Malory, whose lack of facilities is such that one of their weekly training nights has to be spent in a gym which is not even big enough to accommodate a full size volleyball court, literally rose to the occasion and took only 12 minutes to whitewash Liverpool in the first set.

Richard Dobell's setting was impeccable and Liverpool took stage fright in their first final. The Merseysiders did show their fighting quality in the second set when they came within a point of taking the set at 14-13.

However, Malory never looked likely to lose their grip and took the second set 16-14 and, after that, the match was effectively over.

Jefferson Williams, the former Canadian junior cap and recently appointed coach to the English senior men's team, rubbed salt in the wound with a remarkable series of jump-serves in the third set which took Malory from 3-2 to 8-2.

In the women's final, the London club, Ashcombe, avenged last year's final defeat by Sale, by beating the Cheshire side 15-9, 15-9, 15-12 on Saturday. There was personal satisfaction for Ann Jarvis, the Ashcombe captain, who missed last year's final because of injury

RESULTS: Men's final, under-15: Stokesley Haughton bt Wolfstanton 15-10, 15-11. Under-16: Purbrook bt Buttershaw 11-15, 15-7, 15-8. Junior: Atlas Wessex bt Purbrook 15-5, 16-14, 4-15, 15-11. Senior: Malory bt Liverpool 15-0, 16-14, 15-7. Women's final, under-15: Purbrook bt Nottingham 15-6, 15-3. Under-16: Purbrook bt Nottingham 11-15, 15-6, 15-9, 15-10. Junior: Greenhill bt Purbrook 15-10, 5-15, 15-3, 15-8. Senior: Ashcombe bt Sale 15-9, 15-9, 15-12.

Batchelor's late goal seals match

By Sydney Friskin

Southgate	2
Hounslow	1

Southgate added to their collection of silverware by winning the Hockey Association Cup for the fourth successive year after a hard-earned victory over Hounslow in the final at Canterbury yesterday.

Barely 30 seconds were left when Batchelor scored the winning goal but it took a brilliant run down the right wing by Welch, a substitute forward, to provide the opportunity with a perfect pass.

Only five minutes earlier, Southgate had squandered a golden chance when Kerly's penalty stroke, awarded for the obstruction of Welch in front of goal, hit a post. Hounslow survived and as they had done throughout the match counter-attacked strongly before they were dealt the final crushing blow.

Southgate, masters at the through pass, took the lead in the twelfth minute, Clift scoring from a short corner.

Five minutes before the interval however they were back in the match when Potter, at a short corner, slipped a pass to Thompson who scored with a powerful shot.

Potter, who was voted man of the match, inspired Hounslow to bolder deeds and in the second half they forced four short corners, Owen twice saving from Thompson.

Pappin, in the Hounslow goal, was also in brilliant form in moments of crisis but even he could not stop Southgate from achieving their seventh success altogether in the competition. Hounslow had been successful twice before in 1972 and 1973.

In Saturday's semi-finals, Southgate defeated Slough 3-1 and Hounslow beat Havant 4-0 after extra-time.

In the day's first match a well taken goal by Kerly for Southgate was answered with equal sharpness by Maskery. In the second half Dodds scored for Southgate from a short corner and Soma Singh sealed the match from a penalty stroke, albeit a weak one.

Havant, cheered by a host of supporters, missed a snap chance against Hounslow three minutes before the end of normal time, a shot by Seabrook from a difficult angle landing on the outside of the boards.

The Hounslow landslide began in extra-time with a short corner conversion by Dixon to be followed by further goals from Grimley, Thompson and Alcock.

SOUTHGATE: D Owen; R Dodds, M Spray, J Duthie, R Clift, J Shaw, Soma Singh, S Batchelor, P Moulton (sub R Welch), S Kerly, D Thomas.
HOUNSLOW: V Pappin; I Maskins, D Dixon, G Swayne, J Potter, D Hacker, N Gordon, J Rees, R Thompson, A Diamond, M Grimley.
Umpires: M Martin (Southern Counties) and C Todd (Northern Counties).

Macleod shows way

Great Britain made an encouraging start in the first international of their Australian tour when they beat the United States 2-0 in an exhibition match in Geraldton, Western Australia, on Saturday (a Correspondent writes).

The outcome was effectively decided in the first 10 minutes when Moira MacLeod opened the scoring with a penalty corner strike and a field goal by Kate Parker increased the lead.

● In the NatWest under-21 territorial tournament in Swindon yesterday, a penalty stroke converted by Michelle Hall enabled East to beat West 1-0 and retain their title.

RESULTS: Midlands 0, West 0; South 1, North 1; East 0, Midlands 0; West 1, South 1; East 2, North 1; Midlands 2, South 1; North 3, West 1; East 2, South 0; North 2, Midlands 0; East 1, West 0. Final position: 1, East; 2, North; 3, Midlands; 4, West; 5, South.

Australia secure Youth Cup

Adelaide (AP) — A century from Brett Williams, the opening batsman, helped steer Australia to a five-wicket victory over Pakistan in the final of the Youth World Cup cricket tournament at Adelaide Oval yesterday.

Williams sped to 108 as the Australians passed the Pakistan total of 201 in the 46th of 50 scheduled overs, finishing with 202 for five. He finally fell in the 44th over, caught by Ahmed off Zulfiqar Butt.

PAKISTAN

Shahid Anwar c Playle b Mullally	8
B Ali lbw b Parker	23
*Zahoor Elahi c Holdsworth b Mullally	35
Shahid Nawaz c Berry b Parker	35
I Haq c Ferguson b Holdsworth	37
Mohammad Nawaz c Mullally b Parker	14
Zulfiqar Butt b Holdsworth	19
Riffaqat Ali c Berry b Holdsworth	4
Mushtaq Ahmed run out	3
Z Ali run out	5
Shakeel Khan not out	8
Extras (lb 4, nb 1, w 5)	10
Total (49.3 overs)	201

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-59, 3-88, 4-125, 5-149, 6-171, 7-183, 8-186, 9-186.

BOWLING: Holdsworth 9.3-1-38-3; Mullally 10-1-53-2; Scuderi 10-0-38-0; Parker 10-0-36-3; Tucker 10-0-32-0.

AUSTRALIA

B Williams c Ahmed b Butt	108
D Playle c R Ali b Haq	12
S Law c Elahi b Anwar	44
L Ferguson b Ahmed	9
*G Parker c and b Ahmed	10
H Armstrong not out	7
J Scuderi not out	3
Extras (lb 1, nb 1, w 7)	9
Total (5 wkts, 45.5 overs)	202

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-131, 3-167, 4-192, 5-192.

BOWLING: Khan 6-0-21-0; Ali 3-0-19-0; Haq 5.5-0-28-1; Anwar 10-0-41-1; Ahmed 10-0-59-2; Butt 10-1-33-1.

Novice and a veteran give W Indies heartening start

From Richard Streeton, Kingston, Jamaica

A novice and a seasoned campaigner played the decisive roles as West Indies overwhelmed Pakistan by 47 runs when their one-day series began here on Saturday.

Curtley Ambrose took four wickets in his first international and Gus Logie scored a maiden century in his 89th as West Indies strengthened their position as favourites to dominate the five-match rubber.

Ambrose, who is 24 and entered cricket late, hails from Antigua and resembles Joel Garner in height and style. On an unexpectedly slow pitch, he began with wickets with his third and ninth balls. It left Pakistan on the defensive from the start as they set out to make 242 in 46 overs to win. Ambrose came back later, immediately claiming two wickets again, and the game was finished as a contest.

West Indies, too, had made a poor start when Imran Khan marked his return at this level with wickets in his first and third overs. After this, though, Logie and Richardson scored freely as they added 187 in 36 overs against bowling which, apart from Imran and Jaffer, lacked control.

It was Ambrose, however, who caused the crowd to erupt with each success. In his first full season he has set records galore and he will be an enormous attraction on tour in England this summer. His gangling, lean figure covers a 25-yard approach run in 11 running strides and a spectacular leap climaxes his action before the ball is released.

Ambrose is brisk rather than really fast and his main stock in trade is inswing, enhanced by a nasty, steep bounce. In his first over Ramiz Raja was tempted to pull and his leg stump was uprooted; then Shoaib Mohammad misjudged the line and the off-stump was clipped.

Salim Malik and Javed Miandad were forced to be more respectful than they would have wished and Pakistan quickly fell behind the necessary run rate. Salim's stay was ended by a breakback from Walsh; Miandad needed 18 overs to score his first 18 runs.

The youthful Ijaz Ahmed was the first to try and accelerate and both batsmen prospered against the off-spin of Richards and Hooper before Ambrose returned. In his second over Miandad mistimed a pull and Richards at mid-wicket took a spectacular catch as he ran sideways and backwards.

In Ambrose's next over Imran was bowled as he played across the line and Ijaz was run out by another piece of good work by Richards.

There was much palm-smacking among the West Indian players and the crowd relaxed. Twelve overs remained but victory was assured. The second international takes place in Antigua tomorrow.

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes b Imran	0
P V Simmons c Ramiz b Imran	15
R B Richardson b Jaffer	84
A L Logie not out	109
†I V A Richards b Imran	15
C L Hooper not out	17
Extras (b 3, lb 10, w 1, nb 3)	17
Total (4 wkts, 46 overs)	241

†P J L Dujon, W K M Benjamin, C A Walsh, B P Patterson and C Ambrose did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-25, 3-212, 4-236.

BOWLING: Imran 8-1-38-3; Jaffer 10-1-55-1; Anjum 10-1-37-0; Zakir 10-0-54-0; Tauseef 5-0-28-0; Shoaib 3-0-18-0.

PAKISTAN

Ramiz Raja b Ambrose	5
Shoaib Mohammad b Ambrose	3
Salim Malik b Walsh	20
Javed Miandad c Richards b Ambrose	47
Ijaz Ahmed run out	39
*Imran Khan b Ambrose	7
Naveed Anjum not out	17
†Saleem Yousuf c Logie b Patterson	10
Zakir Khan not out	11
Extras (lb 10, lb 12, w 9, nb4)	35
Total (7 wkts, 46 overs)	194

Tauseef Ahmed and Saleem Jaffer did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-8, 3-55, 4-131, 5-145, 6-146, 7-163

BOWLING: Patterson 10-2-21-1; Ambrose 10-1-38-4; Walsh 10-1-37-1; Benjamin 10-1-34-0; Richards 5-1-30-0; Hooper 1-0-11-0.

Umpires: D Sang Hue and J Gayle.

Topley returns

Don Topley, aged 23, the Essex seam bowler, has returned to light-training following a minor operation on a leg muscle injury.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BIERBEEK, Belgium: International cross-country race: Women (5km): 1, A Tooby (GB), 18min 29sec; 2, V Colland (Bel), 18:58; 3, J Budd (GB), 19:01. Other British: 5, H Tittensington, 19:19. Men (12km): 1, V Rousseau (Bel), 34:21; 2, W Van Dijck (Bel), 34:42; 3, 3, E Martin (GB), 34:53; 4, D McNally (Ire), 34:59.

GRENOBLE, France: International pole vault competition: 1, M Chmara (Pol), 5.80m; 2, P Collet (Fr), 5.80; 3, K Tarpenning (US), 5.75.

OVIEDO, Spain: International men's indoor meeting: 60m: 1, F Pavoni (It), 6.59sec. 200m: 1, C Smith (US), 21.50sec. 400m: 1, A McKay (US), 47.34sec. 800m: 1, R Druppers (Neth), 1min 46.84sec. 1,500m: 1, T Bonilla (Sp), 3min 41.99sec. 3,000m: 1, J L Gonzalez (Sp), 7min 47.54sec. High jump: 1, C Thraenhardt (WG), 2.31m.

OHTSU, Japan: Lake Biwa marathon (all Japanese): 1, T Seko, 2hr 12min 41sec; 2, M Nishi, 2:15:32; 3, R Kondo, 2:16:15.

HASTINGS: Half-marathon: 1, D Lewis (Rossendale), 1hr 03min 34sec (course record); 2, C Thackery (Hallamshire), 1:03.58; 3, K Forster (Gasshaven), 1:05.45secs; 4, R Treadwell (Redhill and Surrey Beagles), 1.07.28. Veterans: 1, S Lambourne (Brighton and Hove), 1.14.52secs. Team: 1, Hastings 58pt. Women: 1, S Tooby (Cardiff), 1.13.22 (course record).

PELTHAM: Road-race (5 miles): 1, P McGrath (London Irish), 24.11; 2, B Ford (Aldershot), 24.17; 3, J Dugan (London Irish), 25.19. Women: 1, L Harvey (London Olympiades), 28.48.

BURTON-ON-TRENT: Newton Solney road-race (10km): 1, A Wilton (Tipton H), 30.33 (course record); 2, C Woodhouse (Wolverhampton and Bl), 31.38; 3, M Wortley (Burton), 31.41. Team: 1, Smtin, 29pts. Women: 1, S Lappage (Tipton H), 34.36.

RUGBY SCHOOL: Clock Run (10½ miles): School: 1, M Fimin, 83min 19secc; 2, P Carter, 69.50; 3, R Manners, 65:00. Old Rugbeians: 1, G Whitson, 62:47; 2, W Parry, 63:01; 3, P Simpson, 63:14.

SHERDLEY PARK, Merseyside: English Schools cross-country championships: Junior boys (4.800m): 1, P Garside (W Yorks), 17min 55sec. Intermediate boys (6.400m): 1, A Pearson (W Yorks), 21:43. Senior boys (8.000m): 1, S Durrell (Somerset), 28:42.

BALLYSILLAN, Belfast: Road-race (8 miles): 1, F Sharkey (Olympic), 39min 14sec (course record); 2, T Hughes (Sparta, Derry), 39:16; 3, J Walsh (Annadale Striders) 39:19.

WHITCHURCH: Shropshire half-marathon: Men: 1, D Mansbridge (Telford), 1hr 8min 02sec (Course record); 2, R Lewis (Engri H), 1:8.34; 3, O Brown (Telford), 1:8.35. Women: 1, F Mudway (CEPAC), 1:22.34.

WHITCHURCH: Road-race (10km): 1, D Vernon (Salford H), 30min 57sec (course record); 2, I Gray (RAF Cosford), 31.08; 3, R Jones (Wirral), 31.28.

WIGAN: Leigh-Manchester road race (10km): 1, K Lamb (unatt), 30min 35sec; 2, J Kelly (Liverpool Harriers), 30.39; 3, G Davies (Salford), 30.41.

NORTH CHINGFORD: Chingford road relay (5x3¼ miles): Team: 1, Ilford, 1hr 23min 58sec; 2, Haringey, 1:24.35; 3, Highgate H, 1:25.24. Fastest laps: M Williams (Shamesbury/Barnet), 18.10; N Martyn (Highgate H), 18.19; A Catton (Ilford), 18.25.

DORKING: Road relay (4x2 miles): Team: 1, Box Hill Racers, 40.47; 2, Croydon H, 41.43; 3, Hercules Wimbledon, 42.38. Fastest Laps: M Larche (Hercules Wimbledon), 9.56; S Riley (Box Hill), 10.03; I Lamplough (Box Hill), 10.06.

WALLSEND: North-east Harriers cross-country league (10km): 1, D Graham (Wallsend), 32.26; 2, A Finley (Wallsend), 32.29; 3, D Hogg (Morpeth H), 32.44. Fastest: P McDade (N Shields Poly), 31.07; D Maryson (Wallsend), 31.14; D Coull (Morpeth H), 31.20. Team: 1, Wallsend, 117pts; 2, Morpeth H, 154; 3, Sunderland 269.

CARDIFF: Gwent cross-country league (11km): 1, P Jenkins (Newport H), 34.26; 2, D McGrath (Westbury H), 35.29; 3, G Newmarns (Bridgend), 35.22. Team: 1, Newport H 2,036pts; 2, Bridgend, 2,026; 3, Les Croupiers, 2,003. Final positions: 1, Swansea H, 11,731pts; 2, Cardiff, 11,602.

HILLINGDON: Women's road-race (5 miles): 1, J Ford (Hounslow), 27min 05sec; 2, K Whitcombe (Parkside), 27.36; 3, A Hargreaves (Essex Ladies), 27.58. Team: 1, Luton Utd, 13pts; 2, London Olympiades, 21; 3, Shaftesbury/Barnet, 24.

BADMINTON

MALMO, Sweden: Swedish open: Men's singles, semi-finalists: Xiong Guobao (China) bt J Tuvesson (Swe), 15-12, 15-7; J Olsson (Swe) bt N Skaby (Den), 17-14, 15-11. Final: Xiong Guobao bt Olsson, 15-9, 15-4. Doubles, semi-finals: Chen Kang and Chen Hongyong (China) bt P-G Jonasson and J-E Antonsson (Swe), 15-13, 6-15, 15-13; Tian Bingyi and Li Yongbo (China) bt M Gandrup and T Lund (Den), 15-3, 15-9. Final: Tian Bingyi and Li Yongbo bt Chen Kang and Chen Hongyong, w/o. Women's singles, semi-finals: Han Aiping (China) bt C Magnusson (Swe), 12-9, 11-7; Gu Jiamang (China) bt Zheng Yuli (China), 7-11, 12-10, 9. Final: Han Aiping bt Gu Jiamng, 11-3, 11-1. Doubles, semi-finals: Lin Ying and Guan Weizhen (China) bt E Coene and E van Dijck (Neth), 15-4, 15-5; Lao Yujing and Zheng Yuli (China) bt L Olsen and P Dupont (Den), 15-9, 15-9. Final: Lin Ying and Guan Weizhen bt Lao Yujing and Zheng Yuli, 15-4 15-8. Mixed doubles, semi-finals: Wang Pengren and Shi Fang Jing (China) bt A Mesker and E van Dijck (Neth), 15-9, 5-15, 18-16; J Holst-Christensen and H Andersen (Den) bt M Gandrup and C Madsen (Den), 8-15, 15-11, 15-13. Final: Wang Pengren and Shi Fang Jing bt Holst-Christensen and Andersen, 15-9, 15-8.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Championship play-offs: Quarter-finals: First legs: Calderdale Explorers 77 Johnson 19, Jordan 17, Harris 15, Xavier 14), Manchester United 79 (Jones 24, Dolan 14, Fogerty 10), Bracknell Tigers 79 (Kellybrew 22, Gordon 18, Polti 13), MIM Livingston 74 (Fleming 18, McLean 16, Hill 15).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Saturday: Detroit Pistons 104, Cleveland Cavaliers 100; Chicago Bulls 112, San Antonio Spurs 92; New York Knicks 108, Utah Jazz 105; Dallas Mavericks 110, Los Angeles Lakers 101.

BIATHLON

OSLO: World cup: Men's 10km race: 1, F-P Rotsch (EG), 28min 10.8sec (0 pens); 2, P Angerer (WG), 28.47.0 (1); 3, G Einang (Nor), 28.49.8 (1). Leading world cup positions: 1, J Passler (It), 157pts; 2, F Fisher (WG), 147; 3, Roetsch, 142. 4x7.5km relay: 1, Norway, 1hr 36min 04.8sec (0 pen); 2, W Germany, 1.37:08.0 (3); 3, E Germany, 1:37:09.1 (1). Other: 9, Britain, 1:51:46.8 (4). Women's 5km race: 1, M Bollerud (Nor), 16:42.4 (1 pen); 2, A Elvebakk (Nor), 16:09.8 (3); 3, E Kristiansen (Nor), 19:20.3 (1). Leading world cup positions: 1, Elvebakk, 171pts; 2, P Schaar (WG), 164; 3, Kristiansen, 160. 3x5km relay: 1, Bulgaria, 57min 25.7sec (0 pen); 2, Norway i, 57:37.6 (1); 3, 3, Norway II, 58:38.4 (2).

BOXING

PARIS: WBC lightweight championship (12 rounds): Jose Luis Ramirez (Mex, holder) bt Parnell Whitaker (US), pts.

CRICKET

McDONALD'S ONE-DAY CUP: Semi-final: Adelaide: Tasmania 220 for 8 (50 overs): D Boon 82; South Australia 194 for 9 (41.1 overs). D Hookes 57 not out). S Australia won a rain-shortened match by seven wickets.

BOWLS

HARTLEPOOL: Prudential Netfound under-25 singles championships: First round: P Barnicoat (Dean Gate Ridge, Rochester) bt A Darling (Worthing), 21-12, G Moon (Avon Valley) bt I Fletcher (Hartlepool) 21-17; J Leeman (Stanley) bt D Fox (Stoke Mandeville) 21-10; C Palmer (Stanley) bt M Bartell (Egham) 21-1; M Coles (Gloucester) bt G Grace (Handycross, Wycombe) 21-18; D Bell (Ely) bt S Leader (St Neots) 21-12; M King (Hunstanton) bt N Smith (East Dorset) 21-12; J Rednall (Ipswich) bt M Peachey (Gloucester) 21-9; S Ellis (North Walsham) bt R Clark (Bodmin) 21-19; S Smith (Barking) bt D Hold (Manchester) 21-18; D Hayne (Bodmin) bt P Roberts (Vernon Turner, Worbs) 21-17; A Bryant (Watchet) bt B Jenkins (Cambridge Park) 21-15; G Warrender (Cheshunt) bt G Vigor (Croydon) 21-8; M Knowles (Cheshunt) bt P Briscoe (Margate) 21-14; D Ramsdale (Darlington) bt A Grant (Boston) 21-17; J Dunn (Tunbridge Wells) bt N Rowe (Ilminster) 21-15. Second round: King bt Barneypott, 21-11, Leeman bt Palmer, 21-3; Coles bt Palmer, 21-12; Ellis bt Bell, 21-8; Smith bt Hayne, 21-10; Warrender bt Bryant, 21-18; Ramsdale bt Knowles, 21-19; Rednall bt Dunn, 21-7. Quarter-finals: D Ramsdale (Darlington) bt J Rednall (Ipswich),

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IAAF want Budd withdrawn

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

Zola Budd may soon be suspended by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, thus causing her to miss the world cross country championships in Auckland in two weeks time, and thereby eliminating a potential boycott and the threat of massive demonstrations by anti-apartheid campaigners in New Zealand.

The IAAF is due to make an announcement today or tomorrow on the subject. For, despite denials by Dr Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president, last week that no pressure was being put on Britain to withdraw Budd from their championship's team, there has been fresh pressure from black African nations on the IAAF, which has now asked for immediate talks with British representatives.

The latest initiative for Budd's withdrawal has come from the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, which has been meeting in Casablanca for the last five days. They have sought backing from Eastern Europe, Asia and Scandinavian countries, all of whom have teams going to Auckland.

There was 'no comment' all round last night officially, from John Holt, the London-based secretary of the IAAF, and from Ewan Murray, the chairman of the British Amateur Athletic Board, which has assumed responsibility this year for cross-country in the United Kingdom.

But it is understood that the technicality of a suspension may be imposed upon Budd until she is called to explain the rumour of her participation in a race in South Africa, when she was back there for several months before returning to Britain.

The subject has already been given a good airing in the British press. Any participation, even down to the allegation of running alongside a race in order to train has been categorically denied by Budd. But this is the straw that the Africans need to break Budd, and what they see as the British-led conspiracy to get South Africa back in the athletics fold.

The pressure on the IAAF has been coming from African and Asian countries. On Friday, General Bayo Lawal of Nigeria, president of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, renewed his appealed to Nebiolo to bar Budd.

"Zola Budd is a South African athlete who disposes of a British passport of convenience and who competed in a cross-country at Brakpan (South Africa) in June, 1987, in violation of IAAF rules," Lawal said.

The SCSA argued Budd should be banned for her alleged involvement in that race. South Africa is excluded from international athletics because of its apartheid policies.

Zimbabwe withdrew from the championships because Budd was in the England team, said David Kwidini, Zimbabwe's sports minister.

"New Zealand has agreed that Budd can take part . . . But we know it could have barred her from entering," Kwindini said.

"They chose to do otherwise. Budd has been given a passport of convenience. She has openly boasted about it, and so have the South Africans."

Kwindini added: "This does alter our stand on the matter and it has left us with no alternative. It does not stop there, though. If anywhere in the world there is this South African link, Zimbabwe will react accordingly."

● Despite the gathering storm, Budd continued her preparations for the world title race in Auckland by racing in a five-mile cross-country event at Bierbeek in Belgium on Saturday. The race was won by Angela Tooby, who will be leading the British team in New Zealand. Budd came in third more than half minute behind Tooby but significantly ahead of the British champion, Helen Titterington.



Budd: denies taking part

IN BRIEF

When rule and reason collapse

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

Martin Crowe's celebrated "walk" at Lancaster Park on Saturday can be translated in one of two ways. The temptation is simply to applaud him for an act of sportsmanship all too rare in contemporary cricket. The alternative reaction is thoroughly disquieting.

The possibility to be faced is that Crowe felt either shamed or intimidated into giving himself out by the hostile attentions of about half the England team. If this has any credence, it not only speaks volumes for the players' loss of faith in umpiring standards but also raises some unhappy questions about the ethics and effects of players behaving as England's did during the incident.

A circle of fielders surrounded Crowe

I have no doubt that the players will fail to see anything remotely incorrect in their actions. Their attitude was one of injured innocence a month ago in the Test match on this ground, when the same umpire gave the same batsman not out and prompted a scene which earned Graham Dilley a fine. Nothing has apparently changed. If, however, they were watching themselves from the stands, they might think differently.

The impression of misplaced aggression is partly created by the modern habit of players to rush ecstatically towards a successful bowler. They were in the course of this on Saturday, French having apparently caught a very plain



Crowe: intimidated

edge from Crowe, when it became evident that the umpire, Brian Aldridge, had not raised his finger. The effect was that a circle of fielders surrounded Crowe, some of them quite clearly giving him firm advice.

Mike Gatting, the captain, was in the thick of it, waving his arms and having words with Crowe, who finally turned to French to ask if the ball had carried. French nodded, so Crowe spun round and marched solemnly off the field. In the short term, he had defused what might have become a particularly unsavoury situation.

In the longer term, the episode asked more questions than it answered. Crowe's explanatory comment later that evening was illuminating. "I didn't want to be involved in another incident," he said.

General distrust of many umpires

So, although he had justifiable doubts about whether the catch was clean, he felt obliged to overrule the umpire and go.

It is hard not to feel some sympathy for England's players as it was a stunningly inadequate piece of umpiring by Aldridge to give Crowe out without even consulting his square-leg colleague on whether the ball had carried. Late in the game came another gaffe, this time by umpire George Morris, reprieving England's Capel when he was clearly run out by several feet as he backed up.

The general level of umpiring competence, as distinct from fairness, on this tour has been as low as I have seen and the teams now plainly feel insecure. The saddest comment came from an experienced England player during a discussion on the viability of setting up an international panel of the world's 12 best umpires. Without a trace of malice or a hint of humour, he replied that he could not think of more than five in the world he would trust.

At the root of the recent incidest is the players' general distrust of many umpires now standing in major matches.

At the surface is the overt and theatrical indignation now shown by fielding sides. If it is not dissent, it comes perilously close to an unacceptable intimidation, a dangerous trait in a game where rule and reason collapse if the umpire is undermined.

The penalty of no return

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Manchester City	0
Liverpool	4

Manchester City's vision of Wembley, which dimmed as soon as the draw for the sixth round of the FA Cup was announced, was irreparably damaged in the fifty second minute at Maine Road yesterday. Until then, their resistance was creditable. Afterwards, Liverpool turned the tie into an exhibition.

Some of City's followers will claim that their team was wronged during the decisive moment. One of them chose to vent his feelings in front of more than 44,000 spectators and millions of viewers at home.

Yet the immediate impression and the evidence on television suggested that the referee had been right to award a penalty. Johnston was the central figure in the brief and controversial play. The replacement for the injured Aldridge, he suddenly found himself running on to a headed flick and into City's empty half. Stowell, a goalkeeper on loan (from Everton, of all clubs), was the only opponent in front of him.

Johnston, in swerving round him, was slightly impeded, and was then caught by Redmond. Although the tackle was clean enough, the preceding push was justifiably ajudged to be an offence. City pleaded in vain for mercy, but Beardsley, ruthlessly efficient throughout the rain-swept afternoon, converted the penalty.

An uninvited intruder entered the stage after the restart, and, pointing menacingly, demonstrated the anger being voiced on the terraces. After punching a steward intent on restraining him, he was marched away by a posse of policemen. Disputes, both verbal and physical, subsequently broke out in a corner of the arena.

The unsavoury incidents, though prominent, were utterly out of character with the rest of the tie. City offered no small contribution to a first half that was brightly illuminated by Houghton's astonishing goal, which bore a close resemblance to the winner that he claimed in the previous round at Goodison Park.

Beardsley and, principally, Barnes, the creators then, acted as his assistants again, and Houghton scored with a volley from a seemingly impossible angle. City's flame was doused, though it did burn after the penalty when Stewart (watched by Graeme Souness, the player-manager of Glasgow Rangers), almost nodded past Grobbelaar.

The closing half-hour was transformed into a stunning display of Liverpool's attacking qualities. If Beardsley was not piercing City's defensive barrier, then it was Barnes or Houghton or Johnston or McMahon. They added another two. It could have been four and, indeed, City were fortunate not to concede another penalty.

Lake, in attempting to block the advance of Beardsley to the by-line, handled the ball, but the referee treated them leniently. Liverpool were not so generous. Johnston, released by a combination of Houghton's power and Lake's error, repeated his earlier break, evaded Stowell's challenge, and swept in the third a dozen minutes from the end.

Liverpool saved their best until last. Barnes, who had gradually emerged from comparative anonymity, took possession inside his own half, exchanged with Beardsley, and strolled deceptively on, and rolled in the fourth. His fourteenth goal of the season sealed another dazzling show.

For 22 games Liverpool have remained unbeaten. In their last 15, they have conceded only one lone goal. The statistics they are compiling are as awesome as the style in which they play. In today's semi-final draw, neither Luton Town, nor Nottingham Forest nor Wimbledon will relish the prospect of suffering the fate that was inflicted on City.

MANCHESTER CITY: M Stowell; J Gidman, A Hinchcliffe, I Brightwell, P Lake, S Redmond, D White, P Stewart, I Varadi, N McNab, P Simpson.
LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; G Gillespie, G Ablett, S Nicol, N Spedman, A Hansen, P Beardsley, C Johnston, R Houghton, J Barnes, S McMahon.
Referee: A Gunn.



The first of four: Houghton meets a cross from Barnes to shoot the goal that puts Liverpool ahead against Manchester City

Olazábal fails to hold genius of Ballesteros

From Mel Webb, Santa Ponsa, Majorca

Severiano Ballesteros said a thousand amens as he sampled the sweet taste of victory for the first time in nearly 11 months yesterday by winning the Majorca Open at Santa Ponsa with a majestic final round of 67 for a total of 272, 16 under par.

This tournament, the first of the Volvo Tour season, was run by Amen Corner, a promotions company owned by Ballesteros, who thus flew away from this holiday island richer by the £60,000 he had reportedly awarded himself for playing here, and another £33,330 for beating his young compatriot, José-María Olazábal, by six strokes.

Olazábal, who pocketed the considerable consolation of £22,200, strove mightily to contain the brilliance of Ballesteros, but his course record-breaking 64 the day before had left him unable to mount a sustained challenge to a king whose determination this week to re-establish his right to the throne of European golf would not be diverted by the efforts of a young pretender.

No one writing a scenario for this, the final part of a melodrama in four acts, could have constructed it better. For 11 holes, indeed, the script was enacted entirely to plan. As the two central characters arrived at the 12th, a par three of 242 yards, Ballesteros was 14 under par, Olazábal two strokes behind and still in touch.

It was here that Ballesteros came to centre stage while Olazábal dramatically fluffed his lines. Both were off-target to the right of the tee, Olazábal on bare and rock-hard ground, with Ballesteros in a bunker in front of him. Olazábal, with the more difficult shot, chipped, missed the flag by an inch and rolled three feet past.

Ballesteros responded by playing a shot of exquisite delicacy from the sand, stopped the ball dead a foot from the hole on a pronounced down-slope and made his par. Olazábal missed his return putt, had to settle for a bogey four, and the tide had turned.

The trend was halted temporarily on the next, where Ballesteros dropped a shot, but on the short 15th the battle was effectively ended when Ballesteros holed a five-foot putt for a birdie while Olazábal took three putts to let another shot slip. The gap was now five strokes, and nobody in the world can claw that back from Ballesteros when he has the scent of victory in his nostrils.

Sadly, it was not a sensation to be enjoyed by Neil Hansen. The young Londoner, who had played so well for three days, slipped to a final 79 and a total of 287. It was a happier story for Gordon Brand Jnr, who mounted one of his familiar late charges with a round of 66 to finish on 280, eight under par, which was good enough to give him third place.

The abiding impression, however, was one of Ballesteros saying that he was "nearly ready" for his tilt at the US Masters next month. He says he still has to work on his game. To most present here, the flaws were so slight as to be invisible.

FINAL SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 272: S Ballesteros (Sp), 70, 68, 67, 67. 276: J-M Olazábal (Sp), 68, 73, 64, 73. 280: G Brand Jnr, 76, 68, 70, 66. 283: R Raffety 73, 70, 70, 70; M Poxon 72, 72, 69, 70; B Lane, 71, 73, 67, 72. 285: D Smyth, 73, 71, 72, 69; M Piñero (Sp), 72, 71, 74, 69; C McLellan (US) 71, 73, 73, 69; P Jones (Aus), 72, 72, 71, 71; M James 73, 70, 71, 72; P Baker, 71, 73, 70, 72. J Slaughter (US) 68, 72, 73, 73. 287: A Murray, 74, 72, 72, 69; A Saavedra (Arg), 71, 72, 73, 71; J Angladа (Sp), 74, 75, 68, 72; N Hansen 71, 66, 71, 79.

Wigan try sends Salford reeling

By Keith Macklin

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The Salford coach, Kevin Ashcroft, was an angry man after this Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final at Bolton. There were many who would agree that his team did not deserve to lose by a 30-point margin, and that the game turned against Salford with a try that was at best fortunate, and at worst a travesty of justice.

It took the score from a tight 12-4 to Wigan, with Salford fighting back, to a comfortable 18-4 as Salford's challenge evaporated.

However, Ashcroft could not argue about the merit of Wigan's win, only with the gap in the scores. The Cup favourites did get two lucky tries, including one in the first half when the Salford defenders, Gibson and Shaw, collided to let in Tony Iro.

Only desperate defence prevented more tries as the Central Park side battered at the red-shirted line of brave tacklers.

Wigan led 12-0 at half-time, with Iro's try preceded by one from Edwards. For a brief spell early in the second half Salford hit back with a try by Blease, but then came the crucial moment.

Hanley dropped a pass near the Salford line, and while the Salford defenders waited for the referee to rule a knock-on, Kiss kicked on and touched down. Herbert was sent to the sin-bin for protesting, and Wigan ran in further tries by Edwards, Kevin Iro and one from Hanley. Kevin Iro landed five goals.

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Jahangir does it at last

From Colin McQuillan
Paris

Jahangir Khan finally defeated young countryman Jansher Khan, the world champion, to win the French Open squash championship in Paris yesterday 15-9, 10-15, 15-13, 15-5 in 106 minutes.

The last time Jahangir overcame the 18-year-old who has virtually usurped his entire squash empire was in the British Open final at Wembley last April.

This French title and its £6,000 top prize, played under experimental rules with American scoring, a lowered, 17-inch tin and one service without a cutline, is the first reward the former world No. 1, now aged 24, has retained under Jansher's direct challenge all over the world this season.

They are likely to meet again in Monaco at the end of the month and then they return to Wembley for the British Open, which Jahangir has won six times and desperately wants to win three times more to overtake the record held by Australia's Geoff Hunt.

There are those who believe the experimental format, which could be adopted for the entire Grand Prix circuit by April's AGM of the International Squash Players Association, is at least partly designed to frustrate Jansher's phenomenal ability.

If this is true, there is little doubt now where Jahangir's vote will go.

England's Martine Le Moignan defeated Liz Irving of Australia 12-15, 17-15, 17-15, 15-14 in 50 minutes to win the women's title.

RESULTS: Men: Semi-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt C Dittmar (Aus), 15-7, 9-15, 15-7, 15-7; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt R Norman (NZ), 17-15, 15-4, 15-8. Final: Jahangir Khan bt Jansher Khan, 15-9, 10-15, 15-13, 15-5. Women: Semi-finals: M Le Moignan (GB) bt M Martin (Aus), 15-12, 15-11, 15-9; L Irving (Aus) bt L Opie (GB), 15-10, 12-15, 14-17, 15-11, 15-12. Final: Le Moignan bt Irving, 12-15, 17-15, 17-15, 15-14.

Jeffrey suspended until late August

John Jeffrey, the Scotland Rugby Union international flanker, was suspended from the game until August 31 for his part in the incident which damaged the Calcutta Cup after the game against England at Murrayfield on March 5.

Jeffrey, aged 28, was called to the Scottish Rugby Union offices at Murrayfield yesterday and asked for his version of the incident in which the ornate cup was kicked around the streets of Edinburgh after the official dinner for the two teams. Dents that will cost at least £1,000 to repair, were made in the trophy.

The SRU confirmed that Jeffrey would be ineligible for the Scotland squad travelling to Sydney to take part in the Australian Bicentenary seven-a-side tournament. Their statement added: "Jeffrey was further banned from all rugby until August 31 for his part in this sorry affair."

Because of the involvement of an England player in the affair, the SRU has passed its committee's finding to the English RFU.

● Beziers (AFP) — France yesterday lost Didier Camberabero, their stand-off half, and Philippe Berot, their wing, from consideration for the international match with Wales next weekend. Both were injured in the club game between Beziers and Agen yesterday.

Camberabero pulled a thigh muscle and was immediately withdrawn from the French squad. The club doctor at Beziers said he would be unable to play for a month. Berot, the Agen right wing, was later ruled out when an X-ray revealed he had suffered a fractured cheekbone in a collision.

Strong challenge by Brown and Lyle

From John Ballantine, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Paul Revere's famous rallying cry from the saddle of his galloping horse at the start of the Revolutionary War "The British are coming!" was given a modern meaning during the third round of the Honda Classic here. After 10 holes of Saturday's third round, Ken Brown and Sandy Lyle were in the lead at nine under par.

Brown eventually finished second to Joey Sindelar, the husky 29-year-old from Kentucky, while Lyle settled into joint third place with Tommy Nakajima of Japan, Ray Floyd, the 1986 US Open champion, and Ed Fiori.

Yesterday both Britons had fine chances to win; Lyle for the fourth time (his last victory was in Phoenix in January) and Brown, who took the Southern Open in Georgia last October by seven strokes and, in consequence, plays in his first Masters on April 7-10, for a second time. Brown was out last yesterday with Sindelar while Lyle partnered Floyd in the tour's new two-man format which is designed to speed up play.

Pressure had little to do with the slight falling off of the two Britons right at the end of the third round. Lyle's mistakes came at the 16th where he missed the green and at the 171-yard 17th where, after a tremendous mid-iron across the lake, he missed from six feet.

Brown hit a three-wood into a bunker at the 16th and was unlucky to find his ball trapped under a lip. At the 17th he was in sand again while a bold effort at a birdie from 25 feet at the 18th failed when his ball stopped on the front lip at the hole.

THIRD ROUND LEADERS: 206: J Sindelar, 66, 70, 69, 207: K Brown (GB), 69, 68, 70. 208: A Lyle (GB), 74, 64, 70; R Floyd, 71, 69, 68; T Nakajima (Japan), 70, 67, 71; E Fiori, 70, 67, 71. Others: 211: P Stewart, 73, 71, 67. 212: P Azinger, 70, 71, 71; J Mahaffey, 69, 74, 69.

Duff finds brilliant touch in world final

By Gordon Allan

Hugh Duff, bowling brilliantly, led Wynne Richards 7-0, 7-1, 2-7, 7-6 at the interval in the final of the Embassy world indoor bowls championships at Alexandra Palace yesterday. A maximum of five sets were left in which to decide the winner of the first prize of £16,000.

Duff won the first set in three ends. The second lasted slightly longer. Richards, belatedly finding his touch, took the third with a trail for three shots but then, at 5-4 in the fourth, was short with his last bowl and scored only a single.

Tony Allcock, the champion for the past two years, lost to Richards in the semi-finals on Saturday. Richards won the first and second sets, Allcock the third (from 4-0 down) and fourth. But an inch-perfect draw by Richards at 5-4 in the fifth, when Allcock held three close shots in line abreast, could fairly be described as a match-winner, although another end remained to be played.

Duff put out the other member of the old firm, David Bryant, in straight sets, an unarguable margin. Duff nearly beat the great man in the semi-finals last year. This time Bryant had no answer to the young Scot's accuracy. It brought back memories of Nigel Smith, a teenager then, beating Bryant in the 1984 semi-finals.

The Prudential English national fours championship begins at Hartlepool today, followed by the triples, pairs and singles later in the week.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: W Richards (Eng) bt A Allcock (Eng), 7-6, 7-5, 4-7, 4-7, 7-4; H Duff (Scot) bt D Bryant (Eng), 7-4, 7-6, 7-4. Final: Duff leads Richards, 7-0, 7-1, 2-7, 7-6.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Ferrari are the fastest

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) — The Ferrari team dominated the week of tyre tests at Rio's 5.031 km race track in advance of the Brazilian Grand Prix, opening event of the Formula One season to be held here on April 3. On the last day of tests, no one beat the week's pace-setting time of one minute 28.05 seconds, established on Thursday by Ferrari's Austrian driver Gerhard Berger.

"The Ferraris are favourites to win in Rio. Their cars are ready," the former world champion, Alain Prost said. The Frenchman will be seeking his fourth victory in the Brazilian Grand Prix. The best time of the day was set by Prost's new team colleague in the McLaren team, Brazilian Ayrton Senna, with 1:30.05 seconds.



Cowdell: new opponent

Cowdell switch

Pat Cowdell will have a new opponent when he defends his British Super-featherweight title in Birmingham on April 5. John Doherty of Bradford, has dropped out with a back injury and will be replaced by Dave Savage of Glasgow, whom Doherty outpointed in a title eliminator at Batley 13 months ago.

Oxford win

Oxford won the annual modern pentathlon match comfortably, defeating Cambridge by a record 24,395 points to 23,573 at Dulwich College. Recompense for Cambridge came with Mark Hanson (Merton), taking the individual title (4,363 points) and their women winning their match 15,237 to 14,440.

Cause to smile

Dave Lewis, Carl Thackery and Kevin Forster were the first three to finish, all comfortably inside the old course record at the Hastings half marathon yesterday. Lewis, though, missed by 35 secounds his main target — £5,000 for breaking 63 minutes — which meant that the biggest winner was Eric Hardwick, the race director with the incentive money still in the bank.

RESULT: 1, D Lewis, 63min 34sec; 2, C Thackery, 63:58; 3, K Forster, 65:48. Women: 1, S Tooby, 73:06.

Stonyhurst top of class with much to spare

The third British Aerospace Sevens, held at Fylde, were won by Stonyhurst's first seven who came to terms with the hideous conditions and defeated Kings School, Macclesfied, 20-0 in a spirited but aquatic final (Michael Stevenson writes).

Stonyhurst, who beat the College's second seven 18-0 in a in a lively semi-final, soaked up early Kings pressure before Hanley scored under the posts with Flood converting. The game was virtually decided when Flood picked up adroitly and made good ground before feeding Hanley.

Stonyhurst led 12-0 at the interval and went further ahead when Dickson picked up a loose ball on the right touchline and ran in for a good try; Warneken added a late try.